

Bark River - Harris Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we face the challenge of a new phase in education for the remainder of this school year, I wanted to share updates of the plan.

This week, you will receive a call from one of your child's teachers on either Monday, April 13 or Tuesday, April 14. Teachers will be communicating the BR-H on-line education plan and checking on the needs of your child and family. Many teachers have taken the initiative to contact students by email over the past two weeks.

BR-H has been working in coordination with the ISD and other local school districts to formulate a cooperative educational plan districts should follow. The plan entails a two-week period, starting Monday, April 13th, that allows for teacher contacts, technology familiarity and working out any issues. During this time most teachers will be reviewing material already covered early in the year due to the long break from school and to make sure new material isn't lost in the technology translation. New material will start to be covered once the transition period is completed and everyone is comfortable in the process. The last thing we want is to overwhelm students, parents and teachers.

Report cards for the 3rd marking period will be sent home through bus routes the week of April 20th. If you have any questions regarding third quarter grades in any of your classes, please email the teachers. Report cards will be included with materials packaged from student lockers. Parents will be contacted by transportation department for day of delivery.

If a student does not have access to the internet. Educational packets will be provided and will be delivered to your home with scheduled bus drops.

Students that are connected will be using Google platforms for delivery of instruction. Google Classroom will be the main cog in the communication format. Google Meetings will be used for face-to-face communication and Google Voice/Google Duo could also be used.

Please have your children check their school email at least a couple times a day. Instructional information, teacher communications, school announcements, etc. will all be included. Mass communications could also be sent out to parents using emails, text messages and/or phone messages through PowerMessage. If you have a new phone number or email please contact Joan Richer via email at jricher@brhschools.org. Your contact information will then be updated in PowerSchool.

We realize that this is a challenging time for families and we greatly appreciate your support as we navigate through this new learning environment. Please let me know what the staff and I can do to assist you along the way. As a school district, we have been providing quality professional development to our staff on google (classroom, meetings, and voice) to prepare to meet student needs.

Thank you for continually supporting your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at dbray@brhschools.org.

BR-H teachers, administration and staff miss our students and are eager to see them again. Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,

***Mr. Darren C. Bray, Principal
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