

April 17, 2020

Dear Island Park Families;

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time in education. Please know that we are committed to having your child connected to Lincoln Orens Middle School and their individual teachers during this school closure.

We have now been distance learning for approximately 5 weeks. The third quarter ended on April 8, 2020; therefore, it is important that we share with you how we will be marking the third quarter and moving forward.

Third Quarter

The third quarter ended on April 8, 2020. However, due to the school closure, our last day of traditional learning took place on March 13, 2020. We began Distance Learning on March 17, 2020. Our main goal in decisions regarding grading and report cards is to communicate progress that is representative of each student's achievement, helpful to parents, and supportive of students. Students' grades should not be penalized by the loss of in-class learning days; nor should they be inflated because of it. This means that our teachers will consider assessments, project assignments, and classwork that was handed in prior to March 13th. Work completed between March 17, 2020 through April 8, 2020 via Distance Learning will be included if it enhances the grade for the student for the third quarter. The grade for work habits (your child's level of effort, preparedness, timeliness, consistency with follow-through, etc) will be managed the same way.

Fourth Quarter

As we move into the last marking period, we will continue to focus on creating quality lessons that will engage our students throughout their distance learning experience. Our expectation is that students will continue to complete all assignments to the best of their ability. Assignments and assessments completed via distance learning will be graded for the fourth quarter. We are coordinating our approach to grading in conjunction with Long Beach Middle School. More specific information will be forthcoming.

Your child should be signing in to Google classroom daily, and checking on their assigned work for all of their classes. It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) review the work their child has completed. If you or your child is having a difficult time with any of the assignments, please send an email to the teacher and title the subject line: Virtual Hand Raise.

Thank you to all of our students who participated in our Virtual Spirit Week. Together, we are better and stronger!

Sincerely,

Bruce Hoffman, Ed.D.
Principal