



Long Hill Elementary School



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Dear Long Hill School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Last week we received official word that we will not be returning to school this school year and will close out this school year through Distance Learning. Both the staff and I, while we understand that this decision was made to put safety first, are disappointed that we will not be able to see our LHS students this school year. Our scheduled last day of school will be Thursday, June 18, 2020. Our teachers are continuing to plan and assign lessons that address our curriculum and that are engaging. We are also planning a few more "unplugged" days in May and have some special activities in the works for June. Stay Tuned!

I once again want to thank you for your constant support during Distance Learning. As a mother of two school aged boys, I know first hand the challenges of juggling working from home while supporting my own children with their Distance Learning. We could not have been able do to this without all of you. Finally, I want to thank and commend the students. Many of them are putting forth their best effort and are working harder than ever. I am so proud of them and what they are accomplishing on a daily basis!

As we begin week 8 of Distance learning tomorrow, here are some important reminders:

- Reminder: Attendance is taken **DAILY** – Monday through Friday.
- As communicated from the district and also stated on the district's website, *"For the third trimester, elementary schools will grade in the same manner as in the past, using progress codes on report cards."* Therefore, it is imperative that your child put forth his/her best effort to complete all assignments accurately. Many of these assignments are **graded** and will be used for **third trimester report card grades**. Please remind your child to read or listen to the directions thoroughly and to follow each step of the directions. Students are expected to produce the same quality of work that they would be doing and handing in as if we were physically in school.
- One day every week no new academic assignments are given and this day is to be used for students to complete any assignments that they have not completed during the week. This weekly make-up work day is to allow for flexibility to accommodate individual family's needs. If all assignments are completed by the make-up work day, then students will complete various choice activities that are given by their teachers.
- Students are also be graded on Art, Music, and Physical Education assignments and these grades will also be reflected on their **third trimester report card**.
- Continue to reach out to your child's teachers with any concerns or questions.

Once again, I appreciate all of your flexibility, support, and patience as we continue with Distance Learning. As a reminder, teachers and I will be available through email between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm on school days.

Stay well and safe,

Mrs. D'Aiuto
Principal