Hello HWE Families,

In accord with the Governor's directive to close all schools as of Monday, March 16, 2020, all of the Walled Lake Schools will be CLOSED as of Monday, March 16, 2020. Walled Lake Schools will resume school on Monday, April 13, after our scheduled spring break.

The Walled Lake Schools educators are planning online/virtual learning for our students. Parents will be receiving emails about accessing the academic plans online as well there will be communication about accessing Chromebooks and other technology and other needed resources.

This Google Folder provides you access to a digital copy of the iReady packet that was sent home with your child today for both reading and math. This is in case your child was absent or you may have misplaced the packet while we are not in session.

Classroom teachers gave out writing resources to kids today as well. Grades 2-5 sent home writing journals, but Kindergarten and First grade sent home a packet of their grade appropriate writing paper. Additional copies of the Kindergarten and First Grade paper will also in the Google Folder.

Any student that was absent today has a bag of books and the packets above available to you in the office at HWE on Monday between 8:30 and 4:00.

If your child receives Speech and Language Services, the items in this Google Folder were sent home with them today from Mrs. Mangus.

If your child receives Occupational Therapy services, our Therapist has put together a packet of services for you to use with your child over the closure.

Additionally, Ms. Gantz has some resources for you to access from home during this closure:

- The eBook collections at mel.org offer a wide range of good reads. In the eBooks K-8 collection, you’ll find beginner cookbooks, craft books, alphabet books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Big Nate series, and a wide range of students’ favorite sports’ team, just to name a few. I tell students to read them from a PDF as there is both that and a download option. We don’t download here at school and I don’t download anywhere. (Outside of our building students will need a library card to access MEL through their public library website.)
- Pebble Go was shown to all 1st-3rd grade students for online research for animals and social studies.
- All students have links in Google Classroom with Ms. Gantz for games to help skills, like mouse skills in Kindergarten, and to assignments. There are links to Typing Quest, Wixie, and my courses assigned in Code.org.
- Our HWE website has a For Students tab and the Gantz’s Goodies tab available with resources for games and other practice.

If your child takes medication at school and needs to access this medication during the closure, please plan to pick this up from our main office on Monday.
We know that this is a strange and unsure time for our students, staff, and families. Please know that we will be sending information along as we are able. Our goal is to help students continue their learning journey despite these closures. If you need more, please grab a good book and read!

We will see you all again on April 13. Please stay healthy and stay safe.

Patricia

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Follow us on Twitter: @HWE_Hawks
“Like” our PTA on Facebook and follow @HWEPTA on Twitter

**HICKORY WOODS NEWS**

**M-STEP:** Soon we will begin to administer the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) to learners in Grades 3-5. The M-STEP will be given online and will measure student knowledge of the State of Michigan’s academic standards in English Language arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Please avoid having your child miss school on testing dates, have your child to school on time, and be sure they have had adequate sleep the night before testing. Our testing schedule is shown below as well as a link for online practice questions you can use at home.

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**Online Practice for MSTEP** (Google Chrome only)

Share with your child the importance of these assessments, as they are an indicator of your child’s progress within the Michigan Standards and will assist us in knowing the progress of our student body at Hickory Woods. If you have any questions about the M-STEP, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

**Third Grade Reading Law:** A letter was sent out earlier this week to all 3rd grade parents regarding the Third Grade Reading Law. Please use this link for more information.

**2020-2021 Kindergarten:** If you have an incoming Kindergarten student for the 2020-2021 school year, please call our office and let us know (248-956-2600). We will be sending information regarding orientation and activity night events and want to be sure that every family is reached! Please see our website for more information.

**Parking Lot Reminders:** Please remember these few safety items when driving through the parking lot:

- Always use a designated crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the building.
- If you need to exit your vehicle, use a parking spot to stop. Stopping in a throughway prevents the flow of traffic and is a safety issue as your child exits the car where other cars are driving.
- We have a drop off lane around the back of the building available at 8:50 for you to let your child out of the car and into the building safely at door 18. Please have them exit the driver’s side of the car.

**Important Dates:**

- March
  - 13 – Musical Production @ 7:30 p.m.
- 14 – Musical Production @ 2:00 p.m.
- 16 – Kindergarten Orientation @ 6:30 p.m.
- 18 – ½ day (12:25 dismissal), No School for the SXI Program
- 20 – Spring Pictures, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only)
- 21 – Division 2 (Grades 2/3) Math Pentathlon Competition – Bloomfield HS
- 26 – Peer Book Study @ 8:00 a.m., Nest, Staff v WLE Staff Volleyball @ Geisler MS. @ 6:00 p.m.
- 27 – Hawk Pride
- 30 – District Reflections Celebration
- PM Author Visits, Bonaventure @ 6:00 p.m.

April
- 3 – All Pro Dad @ 8:00 a.m.
- 6-10 – No School, Spring Break
- 4/13-5/8 – 5th Grade M-STEP Testing Window
- 14 – PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 17 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid orders only)
- 24 – Breakfast with a Buddy @ 8:00 a.m., ½ day (12:25 dismissal), No School for SXI Program
- 4/24-5/1 – Book Fair
- 25 – Division 1 (Grades K/1) Math Pentathlon Competition – WL Northern HS
- 4/27 – 5/22 – Third Grade and Fourth Grade M-STEP Testing Window
- 28 – Bus Evacuations
- 30 – Nest, Knowledge Night

Please click here: 2019-20 calendar to view this year’s district calendar.

2020-21 calendar update: This spring we will be negotiating the 2020-21 calendar with the Walled Lake Education Association. We are hopeful we will be able to announce a calendar before the end of the school year. We will communicate the calendar as soon as it is agreed upon. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PTA NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Novi PD:
- There is a child car seat safety check being held on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Novi Fire Station #4. The address for the station is 49375 Ten Mile in Novi.
- Novi is hosting an Eggstravaganza event at Fuerst Park on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is for ages 2 and up and will include egg hunting, crafts, and visits from the East Bunny. The cost is $5 for residents and $7 for non-residents. All interested residents must RSVP before March 23.
- Please remember to stay vigilant and report any suspicious persons or activities at night especially in parking lots. This will help the Novi PD prevent crime in these areas.
- For any questions please call the Novi Police Department at 248-348-7100.

Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms! 15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle: Purchase your Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets today! Raffle's proceeds are channeled into Walled Lake Schools' classrooms through Foundation’s annual mini-grant program (see list of grant awards per school). Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100 (plus $2 convenience fee per $50). Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale. Great Odds! Grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Plus, ticket purchasers have the chance to win a FREE raffle ticket courtesy of the WL School Emp. Fed. Credit Union and opportunity to win secondary prize; HP Sprocket 200 Bundle Media printer donated by the FFE. Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District’s Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win. Visit the FFE’s TE raffle website for
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