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# DOWDALL ELEMENTARY

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Dear Dowdall Families,

As you know, Governor Whitmer has closed Michigan schools for the remainder of the school year and teachers are not able to provide in-person instruction but teaching and learning must continue. Michigan educators have been called to provide our students with continued learning. In Superintendent Walworth's video sent out on Thursday, April 2, after the governor's executive order, he indicated that Kearsley teachers are going to continue to teach for the fourth marking period and provide students with opportunities for learning. Here is our Dowdall Elementary School plan during the school shutdown:

**Learning Packets:** Available electronically and for pick up at KHS each Monday, 11am-1:30pm. Starting April 13, we will be making our own packets (targeting Kearsley Curriculum).

**Weekly Student Check-In:** Teachers will use one of these items to communicate with students—Zoom, Phone Calls, FaceTime

**Parent Communication:** Teachers will continue to communicate with Class Dojo. District email is also available: [firstnameinitiallastname@kearsleyschools.org](mailto:firstnameinitiallastname@kearsleyschools.org) Example: Kelly Fisher, [kfisher@kearsleyschools.org](mailto:kfisher@kearsleyschools.org)

**Curriculum:** Teachers will share out the weekly plan for students every Monday. The plan will have Benchmark Advance Work for English-Language Arts. It will have Bridges work for Mathematics. Learning will be supported by online opportunities like Reading Eggs, Prodigy, Exact Path, etc. Each student should continue to read 15-20 minutes a day. Classroom teachers will support learners needs on an individual basis as needed.

**Feedback:** Teachers will provide students feedback. Teachers will be able to provide feedback through Benchmark and Bridges. Teachers will be able to track how much work/time students are putting into Reading Eggs and Exact Path. Students will not be receiving grades but teachers will be looking at student work and providing feedback through technology.

**Office Hours:** Teachers will have office hours in order to collaborate with each other and be available for parent and student questions. Office hours for Dowdall are from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

We hope that all of our Dowdall Students are healthy and safe and are able to keep a focus on learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Please encourage your child to complete assignments daily. We will attempt to keep daily work to around one hour per day for Dowdall Students. We realize that it is also important for kids to be physically active and get outside for some exercise away from screen time. Families, thank you for supporting your student through this national crisis. We know that this is not easy. We are dedicated to supporting you, so please reach out when you have questions or concerns.

Please stay safe and healthy and know, as we work remotely, together we can prepare your child for the next grade level.

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