



School Closure Update  
March 23, 2020

Parents and Families,

Greetings and good Monday morning to you. I hope and trust that this email finds you well and taking care as a family. Last week was filled with transition and amidst the uncertainty of change, everyone associated with the Helena Public Schools remains thankful for your patience, understanding and support. Our remote learning objectives last week were 1) to connect with our students and 2) provide an extension of our classrooms. This is a work in progress as we continue to work in finding a balance between too-much and not enough in relation to remote learning content. Your continued feedback is helpful as we seek to meet the needs of our students from afar without overwhelming anyone.

As of now, our focus remains on the continued delivery of services including remote learning, food services, technology services and addressing other more specific student/family needs. Next week, March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, remains our scheduled Spring Break. Our remote learning environment will not be active during this break. Statewide decisions will likely be determined this week that will inform our direction as of Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. For now, below are a few brief updates pertaining to continued food services and technology available for checkout.

- **School Meals and Helena Food Share Food Packs:** Food service continues at our 8 regional sites each day this week (Monday through Friday). Sites and times are listed below. Please continue to access the below link to reserve your meals at your location of preference. In addition, we are working with our partner, the Helena Food Share, to distribute food packs to families that have been receiving this service.

*Food Service Meal Link:*

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zfm09BfEZU6BQxDQ\\_niQU1FgWRvEafBPpesJ7ySUOPhURE4yUkE5M1BVTIE1VzFTN0hHOTEyUDJFSC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zfm09BfEZU6BQxDQ_niQU1FgWRvEafBPpesJ7ySUOPhURE4yUkE5M1BVTIE1VzFTN0hHOTEyUDJFSC4u)

*8 Regional Grab & Go Meal Locations/Times:*

- Rossiter Elementary: 11:00 am to 11:30 am
- Four Georgians Elementary: 11:00 am to 11:30 am
- Broadwater Elementary: 11:45am to 12:15 pm
- Warren Elementary: 11:50 am to 12:20 pm
- Bryant Elementary: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm
- Smith Elementary: 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm
- Central Elementary: 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm
- Kessler Elementary: 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

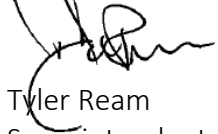
- **Technology Checkout Needs:** Last week, over 1,200 Chromebooks were checked-out for use throughout this closure. Additional Chromebooks are available for checkout this week on Tuesday, 3/24, at both CR Anderson Middle and Helena High School. If your child needs a Chromebook or has an issue with their current Chromebook that requires replacement, please contact your child's school principal to reserve a new device. Additionally, beginning this coming Friday, 3/27, and continuing every Friday as necessary, we will be distributing new and replacement Chromebooks (times and locations forthcoming). Again, please contact your child's principal to reserve a device.

*3/24 Chromebook Checkout Sites/Times:*

- CR Anderson Middle: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Helena High School: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Please continue to stay-tuned to future updates via email, web and social media. On behalf of the Helena Public Schools, thank you again for your time and continued support.

Respectfully,



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