

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School

May 1, 2020

Dear Elementary families,

As you know, the Governor has extended our closure for schools for the remainder of the academic year. This is heartbreaking for all of us, even though we understand the reasoning behind the decision. Please accept my sincerest appreciation for partnering with us as we navigate this new way of teaching and learning. You are making the best of it, and I'm thankful for your communication and grace with our teachers. We will continue to be here for your questions, concerns, ideas, and a smile!

The remainder of the elementary events will be canceled. This includes Kindergarten Screening, 5th grade's trip to Boston, 5th grade graduation, Kindergarten moving up, and Fun Days. More information will come regarding the Boston trip, including other options we can explore. We will begin to pack up your children's belongings, including items from their desks, cubbies and/or lockers. We will establish a system to pick up these items, and you will be informed by the classroom teachers of the plan.

If you are not already connected with teachers in Class Dojo or Google Classroom, please email teachers to get connected. The teachers post valuable information in these locations to help your children learn. Although they've mailed educational materials to you, opportunities to connect as a class occurs in Class Dojo or Google Classroom. Our teachers will help you navigate the process, many are learning right along with you. If you'd like to connect with special area teachers via Google classroom, here are the codes you will need:

Teacher	Subject	Classroom Code
Mrs. Williams	School Counseling	lxdel6x
Mrs. Carinci	P.E. Teacher (K-2)	nbvakss
Mr. Hance	Music	sxbz6y4
Ms. Bunger	Band 4/5	Band 4: ket4duu; Band 5: onyohnb

We will still be collecting information for our report cards for the 4th quarter. We will focus more on feedback to assist with learning, and less on grades. Our teachers will develop a plan to return work to the school so we can provide feedback to all students, not just those with technology. Friday, May 22 was originally a scheduled day off. This will now be an instructional day.

The district created a Continuity of Learning document, which could be found on our website under Coronavirus Information. It provides structure as we continue with our curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. Our teachers have determined what is "essential learning". Essential learning will focus on the most important pieces of the grade level to help prepare the students for next year. The learning document provides structure for teachers, TAs, students and families. I encourage you to continue working with teachers, and communicate with them about your child's individual needs. AIS, related service, special education, and special areas (Art, Music, and PE) are valuable parts of your child's education. You should expect to hear from these specialists on a regular basis, tailored to each student and/or grade level.

As a reminder, we are still registering students for Kindergarten. Please, if you haven't already notified the school that you have a Kindergarten student for Fall of 2020, contact us. Students that turn 5 on or before December 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

I am available by phone at 315-895-7491, or email mwelch@frankfort-schuyler.org. I am also connected to Class Dojo, and can message with you in that system as well. May you find comfort in knowing we are all in this together! We are F-S strong!

With love,

Mrs. Melanie Welch Elementary Principal