

Dear Grand Peak Families,

I hope you are able to go outside and enjoy this beautiful spring day. This message is to share E-learning information for next week. We will start E-learning instruction on Tuesday, March 31st along with all D49 schools. Monday, March 30th will be a day for teachers to complete their plans and share the procedures with you.

One of our favorite mottos from Classical Education is “Festina Lente” which roughly translates to “go slow in order to go fast”. As Grand Peak Academy, along with schools across the country, works to educate children over electronic tools, please be prepared for a steep learning curve for students, parents, and teachers. It will be important for all of us to have patience and manage frustration as all parties learn brand new tools. Many of you have used Grand Peak electronic educational tools with your children at home previously and these tools may be familiar to students and parents: Lexia for younger students, ALEKS for older students, Spelling City, etc. Others such as Google Meet and Hangouts are new to everyone and will require teaching and learning and relearning.

In addition to the patience needed to learn new tools, we are also working with the scheduling and timing of the day that works best for this format. We anticipate needing to adjust the format as we get more information about how to most effectively education our children. Mrs. Brizic and Mr. Hunter will be sending parent surveys over the next few weeks to get your feedback about what is working and what needs adjusting.

#### **WHAT WE ARE DOING:**

1. Lessons will be assigned by 8:00am each day with clear expectations. There will be approximately 3 hours of lessons each day. This will vary based on grade level. Lessons can be completed anytime during the day. Teachers may set up small group instruction with students.
2. Attendance will be based on checking in by 3:00pm and completing an assignment. Please use GPA Attendance email on the website to call in absences due to illness or other situations.
3. Teachers will share videos to connect with students.
4. Virtual office hours will be from 1:00pm - 3:00pm Monday - Friday to answer questions and help support families. Teachers will let you know how best to connect with them.
5. Final elementary grades for Quarter 4 will be pass or no pass for each subject. Middle School grades will remain the same for Quarter 4 as we have done all year. Grades will be entered into Powerschool weekly. We may revisit this as we learn more about the needs and limitations of our students engaged in remote learning.
6. Please communicate with teachers if you need help with technology.
7. If you have medications that you need to get from the school, please reach out to [eradcliff@d49.org](mailto:eradcliff@d49.org). It would be best if we leave them at school if at all possible.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT E-LEARNING

- Please provide a quiet learning environment as free from digital and personal distractions as possible.
- Check in with your child about student learning/assignments daily.
- Establish routines to structure the day-with expectations for time “in school”
- Allow access to technology.
- Reach out to teachers or your principal when you need help.
- Communicate about your students' attendance and if they will be absent due to illness or other emergency.
- Be aware of deadlines, expectations, and norms.
- Look for school/district communications and respond when appropriate.

Our goal is to make learning enjoyable and encourage students to do their best while following a routine. Please continue to check emails, Grand Peak facebook, and Grand Peak App for communication. We look forward to partnering with you as we delve into E-learning. Thank you for your trust and understanding. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

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