

Stanwood-Camano School District

Family Communication

4.3.20

The Stanwood-Camano School District will still be observing Spring Break from April 6-10. Administrators, teachers and staff will be on break. If you have general concerns, please email us at scsdinfo@stanwood.wednet.edu

In a press conference yesterday, the governor extended his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order until May 4. While he did not specifically address schools during his press conference, we believe this order will extend to schools. We have been told Governor Inslee will provide additional guidance to schools next week. We will update all families and staff when we learn how schools will be impacted.

The district will continue [food distribution](#) during spring break at the same schools and drop off locations.

On April 6, the Scholastic Book Fair opens. A flyer will be linked on the District's website beginning Monday, April 6. Also watch for information on the book fair from your PTO/Booster Clubs. Proceeds from the Book Fair will benefit local agencies supporting students and families through the coronavirus pandemic.

Instructional Update

During these past few weeks, our staff has been working very hard to learn how to teach in a continuous learning, remote setting. Staff have been learning how to implement Google Classroom and exploring the possibilities with a primary student learning platform called SeeSaw. Some of our teachers have been practicing with these platforms along with other remote strategies such as google meets, emails, Zoom, and phone calls.

While staff are learning to implement remote learning strategies, they have also been compiling the next set of instructional materials. These materials are scheduled to be available to students and families on April 13th. Materials will be sent out electronically and via hard copy for families who do not have access to internet. We appreciate the feedback parents shared and have made improvements.

As we are engaged in providing learning for your child(ren), we are also learners ourselves and will continue to take instructional delivery to the next level with use of the platforms described earlier. We are going to be moving from review of previously taught concepts to a continuous learning approach.

During this time, it is important to note that staff is doing their very best to learn how to teach remotely. Additionally, we recognize how difficult this new environment can be for families and know families are doing their very best to help support education in these times. We also understand that there are additional concerns families have beyond the educational component and that for many of us this is a stressful time. Please give yourself some grace as we work to figure all of this out together. The district website has a [list of resources](#) available for families and information about self-care.

There is nothing more important to our school district than serving our students and families. Please enjoy the Spring Break and your time with family. We look forward to continuing our learning with you when we return on April 13.