

Twin Valley Schools

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TO: Twin Valley Parents and Staff
FROM: Superintendent Fred Van Ranken
RE: Week 2 Continuous Learning Plan Update
DATE: April 3, 2020

I wanted to touch base on a few things this week that might be helpful as we navigate through week 2 of Twin Valley's Continuous learning plan.

WEBSITE NEWS:

The district website was revamped a bit earlier this week to include the Continuous Learning section at the center of the homepage (<http://www.usd240.org/>). There you will find links to my Covid 19 page as well as to each school, their schedules and other information. In addition, there are links to food service for signup and logistics, technology assistance, social worker resources, and physical education resources.

This is to serve as the HUB for all things Twin Valley as it relates to gathering information.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS:

I want to reinforce the need to either call the number listed at the food service section of our website or use the Google Form link to sign up in advance. We want as little waste as possible. Please remember that IF you are calling, dial 785-488-3325 ext. 279 between 7:30-9:00 am.

- DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU ARE CALLING.
- DO NOT USE ANOTHER EXTENSION.

You can also use the Google Form link that can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/mGWcQUMqEQkXUJC8>

If you just show up, your children will get the same meal, they just may have to wait until it is prepared.

Secondly, with next Friday, April 10 being Good Friday, our kitchen will be closed that day as will all of our offices. You STILL CAN GET MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN FOR FRIDAY BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO ORDER THEM ON THURSDAY FOR FRIDAY AND PICK THEM UP OR HAVE THEM DELIVERED ON THURSDAY.

INTERNET ACCESS

We DO have more Hotspots that principals are working with families on for distribution. That brings us up to a total of 15 that can be checked out for use.

Twin Valley Telephone has also stepped up to provide free Internet access through the end of May for those homes that have had previous service, even though they may not now. If you want more information, please email me as we have communicated already with those families that Twin Valley has identified addresses for that indicated no or poor service on the parent survey. What a great thing for students and families. Shout out to Twin Valley!

I do not want any kid left out if at all possible. We are here to help.

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SHOUT OUT TO STAFF AND OTHERS!

Our people have worked very hard to provide educational opportunities for students and families. I want to take this time to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and communities that make up USD 240. I know it might not be perfect, but in all seriousness, they have engaged and done the work that normally takes at least a year into a period of two weeks. They truly have stepped up to the plate to serve.

Also, thanks to all parents that have been supportive and understanding during these first few weeks. I know your lives have changed dramatically in many respects and want you to know how much you too are appreciated.

PLAYGROUND AREAS...

We were advised by the Ottawa County Health Department to rope off and/or otherwise section off playground equipment areas for public use, which our maintenance staff will have done. This is to stop the transmission of the virus, which makes obvious sense. You may use the track for walking, running, etc. as long as you maintain social distancing practices. We will also remove hurdles or other equipment on tracks for similar reasons. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

PARENT WEEKLY "PULSE" SURVEY:

I have a survey that will be active as of the evening of Friday, April 3, 2020 for parents. The purpose of the survey is to gather real-time data to help us make the necessary adjustments to what we are doing to support you and your families up through at least the middle of May. You may fill this out at any time. I will check the data at least weekly, but honestly more often than that, especially if there is an indication that you or your children might need assistance, which is on the form.

I also have a question that you can share successes you and/or your family might be having which I want to share with the Twin Valley Communities. I will not share your name unless you indicate as such on the form.

The ONLY required question is a valid email address that we can follow up with for clarifying questions AND to filter out noise. This is meant for us to grow. If you want me to clarify that statement, contact me.

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/3UmopuxgSkwkVVzH8>

That's a wrap! Enjoy your weekend.