

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to begin new instruction on Monday, April 13, 2020 your child's teachers are working diligently to prepare for the transition to teaching and learning in a new way. Please know that each family's circumstances are different. We are here to assist you through this transition. More information regarding moving forward with instruction will come out next week.

**Communication-** Thank you for your connection and responsiveness to our communications. Please continue to check for e-mail messages from me and your child's teacher(s) during the extended closure. Please also know that if you are having trouble connecting to the information being sent home, voicemail from our district phones are sent to our e-mail. If you need to reach someone at NHUF you can dial the NHUF main line at 610-754-9580 and follow the prompts and leave a voicemail. Please know we are working hard to connect with all families in multiple formats.

**BASD Spirit Week-** Thank you to those of you who participated in our **districtwide spirit week, Spreading BASD Cheer**. Stay safe and be well. One Boyertown!

**Zoom Meetings-** Many classes have begun setting up virtual meetings to help students connect to each other and share how they are doing. Parents and guardians, the communication to set up a zoom meeting will be sent to you. If you would like your child to participate, please help them get set up on a device in your home. The following link will take you to zoom's privacy documents.

<https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/childrens-privacy.html>

**Assistance Needed-** The COVID-19 outbreak has produced an increased need for donations at two of our local assistance agencies. Boyertown Area Multi-Service and the Salvation Army of Boyertown need personal care items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and foods such as granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, bread, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, cereal, canned meat, and canned soup. They would greatly appreciate any support you can give.

**Social Emotional Learning-** As a district, we have begun a 3-year implementation plan focused on Social Emotional Learning. Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. At this link, <https://sel4us.org/blog/social-emotional-learning-supports-around-covid-19/>, you will find a post from the *Social Emotional Learning Alliance for the United States*, that offers SEL supports around COVID-19. The post offers suggestions for families to reinforce each of the 5 SEL Core Competencies which include: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Thank you for partnering with us to prioritize safety and well-being during this school closure.

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