



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW HANOVER UPPER FREDERICK ELEMENTARY

Safety & Well-Being Acceptance & Respect Communication & Collaboration Learning & Growth

To cultivate an exceptional, innovative learning community that enables all students to succeed in a changing world.

April 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Elementary Children,

We hope that this message finds you, your family, and loved ones safe and healthy. These are unprecedented times that we are experiencing, but challenges like this can bring a community closer together and help us grow stronger as individuals, families, and as learning communities. The following information aligns with the District's plans for educational continuity, but we have focused on elementary school concerns that pertain specifically to our students.

Continuity of Education (COE)

The goal of the Boyertown Area School District (BASD) Continuity of Education Plan (COEP) is to provide a framework of meaningful educational opportunities for students to maintain and develop skills, conceptual knowledge, and understandings that are specifically aligned with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards while away from the traditional school environment during this ongoing school closure. The Boyertown Area School district has created a website for the public to view the COE Plan as well as see a brief overview of the plan. Our COE Plan consists of opportunities for both Virtual and Corresponding Education. The link can be found here:

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Domain/1768>

Virtual Education (for those with laptops or other usable devices and Internet connectivity)

Starting on April 13, our teachers will begin to deliver planned instruction and assignments for students to complete in an online setting. Teachers will be accessible to students and parents/guardians during "Office Hours" that are established and will be communicated by teachers. Should there be a conflict with these hours, you may contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Also, if you desire Internet connection, here are links for Comcast [internet essentials](#), and Service Electric [service electric](#) information.

Corresponding Education (for those without laptops or other usable devices and Internet connectivity)-

Please know teachers have attempted to reach families by e-mail and phone to determine if your family has access to a device and you have Internet connectivity. Those families who have informed us that they do not have devices and/or Internet connectivity will receive paper/pencil home assignments to complete per U.S. Mail or home delivery. If you have not contacted your child's teacher and you have access to virtual learning, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Corresponding Education families will have access to teacher Office Hours via the phone.

Other Instructional Supports: Special Education, Reading Specialists and Intervention, Related Service Provides (PT, OT, Speech)

Our Special Education, Reading Specialists and Intervention teachers are working collaboratively with grade level colleagues to support students' access to their learning. Similarly, our therapists in physical, occupational, vision, hearing and speech therapy are working directly with families to support students' needs.



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Daily Expectations for Academic Engagement

The chart below outlines the number of minutes students at the PreK-2 and Grade 3-5 levels will be expected to be engaged in academic learning each day. At this time we are prioritizing Math and Language Arts learning, but we encourage students to access the wealth of activities available including Specials.

Grade Span	Daily Minutes of Academic Learning
PreK-2	60-90 minutes (1-1.5 hours)
3-5	120 minutes (2 hours)

Activities and Events

We know this is a high interest area for parents and guardians. Unfortunately, given the changing dynamic of this situation, we cannot provide any guidance regarding rescheduling of events that have already been cancelled. Should we return to school this year, it is yet to be determined what activities and events will take place. As we can update parents on these items, we will. As you are already aware, all field trips are cancelled for the remainder of the school year.

To be Determined:

There are various topics/questions that require attention and direction including the following. Please stay tuned for additional guidance.

- Grading of Expected Academic Learning effective 4/13/20
- School Attendance effective 4/13/20
- Report Cards for 3rd Trimester
- Right-sizing Transition Activities
- Middle School Orientation/Transition Activities

Please know we are striving to support your child as best we can in this unprecedented time, and we welcome the opportunity to connect with you regarding any concerns and questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Rohn
Principal