



Dear Railroader Families,

April 20, 2020

First, let me just say how proud I am of our Railroader families. YOU have worked WITH us, learned WITH us, struggled and succeeded WITH us. None of us could have anticipated this move into distance learning or predicting that we would find ourselves entering the fourth marking period, still at a distance. Thank you so very much for hanging in there with us, even though there are days when it feels overwhelming. Stay healthy and safe. Stay connected in every way possible. Stay railroader STRONG!

As we move into the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, we would like to offer you a more structured and predictable format for learning from home. It is not our intention to disrupt a learning routine that you have already established. It IS our intention to align our instructional message with some guidelines for student time on-task. Families are encouraged to either adopt the new instructional framework or adapt the framework to sync with the energy and routine of your household. Whitehall Elementary School teachers, counselors and support staff are ALL available to support you as learning continues from home.

Beginning on April 20th:

- Monday & Wednesdays will be dedicated to NEW LEARNING in the areas of MATH AND SCIENCE.
- Tuesday & Thursday will be dedicated to NEW LEARNING in the areas of READING AND SOCIAL STUDIES.
- Classroom teachers will be available for instructional feedback through google meets, through email, Remind, and telephone conversations.
- There may be fewer assignments, with fewer student examples to be completed, depending on the complexity of the task/topic being covered. This is intentional so that teachers can support students and provide feedback before moving ahead.
- Student access to learning is provided in two ways. Google Classrooms have been created at the elementary level, including reading & math intervention and special areas. Teachers send content and instruction along with assignments through Remind. Additionally, K-2 classrooms are building packets that include paper & pencil learning opportunities. These packets can be returned through the drop-box @ the High School between 8:00-1:00, through food delivery service, through the post office or pictures of or scanned work.
- Reach out to teachers, support staff, counselors and administrators early and often. We will work TOGETHER to solve problems. We miss you and worry about everyone when we don't hear from you.

The faculty is here and ready for your success, but they can not do this alone. We need everyone to play their part. Until we can be together, STAY CONNECTED. STAY WELL.

Respectfully,

Judy Gould
Whitehall Elementary School
Principal