

May 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is doing as well as possible! The weather certainly hasn't cooperated recently, but hopefully it will soon.

This is our 6th week of remote instruction. It's hard to believe that we've gone this far without seeing each other. Despite the fact that we all watch the news, and can understand logically what is happening, this all continues to feel very surreal. At school, we continue to plan for the long term, with limited information about rules related to gatherings moving forward. The administration continues to plan for a 2020-2021 school year budget, and we look forward to more specific information from New York State this Friday with regard to state aid that will help make our budget picture clearer for the 2020-2021 school year.

Similarly, we will need to wait for further guidance from the state with regard to distancing guidelines for the summer, to determine if we can run summer programming, and to determine the nature and extent of any ceremonies we may be able to have this year. It appears that distancing guidelines for the summer will be clearer by the end of May, when the Governor promises to make an announcement.

We are moving forward with a plan for parents to pick up student materials that are still at school, and return any school materials not needed for instruction between now and the end of June. Teachers will spend this week organizing student materials for you to pick up. We have put together a schedule, (below), with pick up times and spots here at school where we will stage materials. In each entryway, we will have a bin for you to return any materials requested.

We will ask parents to come to pick up your child's things in one of our building entryways between 6:00 am and 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, starting next week. If your child has library books or other school books that they will not need before the school year ends, you should plan to bring them with you when you pick-up your child's materials. Your child's teacher and the school librarian will send you an email with specific information about what to return. We will not be collecting Chrome books until the end of the school year.

We will, of course be following CDC recommended precautions to assure that personnel packing bags with student materials do not contaminate them.

As always, please reach out if you need help with questions about anything technical, or related to your child's Google classroom, or assignments. We continue to have Chromebooks available if families need them in order to access our remote instructional platform. If you need a Chromebook, please contact me at mfoti@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us. Or call me at (518)753-4458 ext 3501 to make an appointment to pick one up.

Thank you for all that you are doing to partner with us to make the best of this school year!
Please stay safe and keep in touch.

Mark Foti
Elementary School Principal

PK-6 Student Materials Pick-Up Schedule

Entryways can be accessed Monday through Friday 6:00 am - 7:00 pm

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pick-Up dates</u>	<u>Pick-Up Spot</u>
UPK	Tuesday 5/26 - Friday 5/29	End of 6th grade wing
K	Tuesday 5/26 - Friday 5/29	Main Entrance
1	Tuesday 5/26 - Friday 5/29	Cafeteria Side Entrance
2	Monday 5/18 - Friday 5/22	Main Entrance
3	Monday 5/18 - Friday 5/22	Cafeteria Side Entrance
4	Tuesday 5/26 - Friday 5/29	Auditorium Entrance
5	Monday 5/18 - Friday 5/22	Auditorium Entrance
6	Monday 5/18 - Friday 5/22	End of 6th grade wing

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