



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

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Good evening Ashby families:

Should this message get cut off or you would like a copy of the information presented, you can access it on our school website under COVID-19.

2020 doesn't seem to want to give us a break with our weather changing as quickly as it has this October. I wanted to reach out to update all of you on a couple of items

There are a couple of items we would like to address as we move into the weekend:

1. With our recent snow day, I wanted to further explain how snow days will work starting this school year. This summer, the Ashby School Board approved the use of 5 E-Learning days to replace the traditional makeup days in the month of June. If inclement weather is expected, teachers will make sure that students have what they need to be prepared to complete their E-Learning.
 - a. E-Learning is not Distance Learning in that the expectations are slightly different. The learning models we are currently in make this challenging to understand as the concept of E-Learning to replace snow makeup days was an option for schools prior to Covid-19. The expectations for e-learning days can be found on our school website.
 - b. Should we have more than 5 school days, students will be required to make up the additional snow days in the month of June.
2. School conferences will be coming up on November 12th. Elementary families can expect to have their conferences in-person, however, secondary school students will have the option of a virtual conference instead of meeting in the gym like in years past. Elementary conference times and directions on how to register for virtual conferences will be sent through Seesaw next week.
3. Covid cases continue to rise in our area and though our current plan is to remain in our current learning models, I do ask that parents start to make plans for distance learning should the numbers continue to rise. This is important not only for if we go Distance Learning as a school but also when cases arise in school and we need to quarantine individual classes.
4. Should families or classes end up quarantining, our goal is to continue to move forward with education the best we can. Distance learning in any capacity provides a variety of challenges, which is why we approach the situation with flexibility in mind. With that being said, our goal is to continue to make academic progress regardless of the learning model. Communicate clearly with your child's teacher about what you are able to accomplish during distance learning before your child ends up in distance learning so the teacher can properly prepare and so that a plan is in place for when the students return.

Know the school continues to be a place to support our students, families, and community as a whole. We will do our best to push our students with the understanding of the stress of various learning models and covid-19 cases responses put on all of you. Together we will work through this school year and be better teachers, students, and community members because of it.

Until next time, be happy and be healthy.

Respectfully,

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