



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

ISD #261

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Attention Ashby Families:

Today, school administrators from Ashby and from across the state participated in a phone conference with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), to get the most recent updates on the Coronavirus or COVID-19. Based on the information gathered at this time the following school activities/fundraisers will go on as follows:

- Saturday, March 14th - ALF Art Show will continue as an online fundraiser only. For community members and families wishing to bid on student artwork, please visit the Ashby Legacy Fund Website www.ashbylegacyfund.org
- Sunday, March 15th - ALF Pancake Feed will be canceled, though families are still able to make a donation in lieu of the pancake feed by visiting Ashby Legacy Fund Website www.ashbylegacyfund.org
- Monday, March 16th - 5th Grade Wolf Ridge Trip will continue as scheduled;
- Monday, March 16th 8th-9th Grade trip to Park Square to see The Diary of Anne Frank will be postponed to a later date. More information on this will be coming soon.

Information is being updated at a rapid rate. The decisions being made are due to the information that is present to us at the moment. Administration and school staff are aware that the information being presented to the public can bring on many emotions for students, families, community members and staff alike. As a school district, we will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions with our students' best interests at heart.

Ashby Public School is continuing to take the following steps to ensure we are staying on top of the most recent updates on the virus and taking precautionary steps to help keep our school safe and prepared.

- We are participating in conference calls with the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education when they are available;
- Custodial staff is more frequently sanitizing touched surfaces, such as (doorknobs, handrails, light switches, etc.)
- Frequent handwashing by all staff and students is encouraged.

Suggestions for families

- Stay home if ill;
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your elbow;
- Avoid touching running or watering eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer (washing for at least 20 seconds;)
- Stay up to date on vaccinations, including influenza.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school a safe place for children to learn, staff to work, and parents and community members to visit. We will continue to monitor any new developments surrounding COVID-19 and take the appropriate steps to protect the health of all of our students, staff and community members. As a family or community member, you can decide what is best for you and your family. As a school district, we will support your decision.

You can find more information on the virus and steps you can take on the:
CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> or the
MDH website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to call the school at 218-747-2257

Respectfully,

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