



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

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Good evening Ashby families:

Over the last two months, I have reached out to all of you weekly updating you on the changes and challenges of distance learning and the coronavirus. This week, I will be laying out the final days of this unique learning period as well as preparing all of you for what we will need moving forward as we prepare for the summer months and next fall.

- The last day of Distance Learning will be Friday, May 22nd. Though the last day of distance learning will be on Friday, we will still have food delivery and child care on Tuesday, May 26th, and Wednesday, May 27th as they are scheduled school days on the school calendar.
- Starting May 28th, the school will no longer be providing school-aged childcare or delivering meals. I want to give a big shout out to all of the staff who helped make these programs a success!
- We will be collecting student materials including school-owned instruments and ukuleles this coming Wednesday, May 20th through our bus routes. Please label all of your students' learning materials so we can ensure we can catalog all of our materials correctly. We ask that you store the materials in a safe waterproof container to ensure that the materials stay dry.
- We will be collecting devices through the same format on Tuesday, May 26th. Please label the device with the students name and make sure that all power cords are included when we pick them up.
- Our annual Awards Banquet will be delivered through a virtual format. This week we have been putting together videos and are hoping to send it to students and place it on social media by the end of next week.
- With the new guidelines for graduation, we will be moving forward with an outdoor parking lot graduation on Saturday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm. Graduation was originally set for Sunday but was changed to Saturday allowing for two make up days in case of inclement weather.
- Following commencement, we will be hosting a parade to celebrate the seniors. Unlike a traditional parade, we will be having our seniors line up in our North parking lot. Those attending the parade will drive by the graduates to celebrate them. There will be baskets available in front of each graduate in case parade attendees would like to leave a gift. Per MDH guidelines, the gifts will remain locked in the school and untouched for a week, at which time the graduates will come to pick them up. The parade route can be found on our school website and social media accounts.
- We are looking at still being able to offer Arrow Adventures this summer, though if it is going to happen will likely be pushed back to mid-July. More information on this will be coming next week.
- During the last week of school, we will be looking to register all high school families into our new communication program, Seesaw. We have been using this same

platform for elementary throughout distance learning and are looking to transition

the rest of the district so we can continue to communicate with families throughout the summer. It will be important that all families sign up as we will be discontinuing Classdojo. I will send out more information on this next week.

Lastly, next week I will be sending out one final survey regarding distance learning. It will be different than the ones we have been sending over the last month. At this time, we are uncertain as to what the next school year is going to look like. We hope that we are able to come back and start up the school year as we normally would, however, if that is not a possibility and we start the school year through distance learning, we want to make sure that we can provide the best education we can. Your voice and your students' voices are critical for us in planning. This survey will help us as we look to next year and reflect on the last couple of months.

Until next week, be well, and be happy!

Respectfully,

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