

"Every Student, Every Day!"

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

These are challenging times and seem to be changing as quickly as the Eastern Oregon spring weather! We are doing our best to keep up with it and want to be a support to you and your children during this trying time.

Starting Monday April 13th, the Pendleton School District will be moving to a Distance Learning approach for our students. This is a new, longer-term plan, separate from the resources and printed packets we have previously distributed. Much of the teaching and learning will take place through electronic devices and the internet, however we will also provide new printed packets on a weekly basis for those who do not have an internet connection or do not want their student on an electronic device. These packets will be available starting April 13th at the Pendleton District Office.

If you are in need of a Chromebook (internet based laptop) or an additional Chromebook (multiple students in the home), please check one out from our district office located at 107 NW 10th street. Our office hours are 7:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

If you are in need of internet, here are a few options.

- **Free Wi-Fi at Schools:** Wi-Fi is available at Washington School from nearly any place within the school parking lot. At McKay you can connect near the office area and the back parking lot. You can access the Wi-Fi outside all of our schools if near the building and windows, but these two schools have the strongest signals at this time. We are in the process of boosting signals at our other schools. Our district issued Chromebooks will connect automatically to the Wi-Fi from within your vehicle.
- **Charter:** Starting March 16, Charter started offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with a K-12 student or college student who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription. Installation fees will be waived for new student households as well. *Charter: 1-844-488-8395*
- **CenturyLink:** CenturyLink is suspending limits on data usage; will waive late fees; and will not terminate a residential or small business customer's service for the next 60 days if the user is suffering financial challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic. *CenturyLink: 1-866-642-0444*

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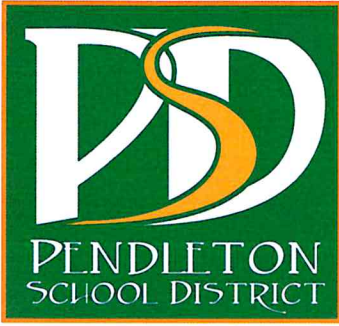
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Elementary Schools (PELC, Washington, Sherwood, McKay):

- Primarily online using iReady reading and math lessons.
- Supported by activity and assignment packets available at the district office.
- Bi-weekly teacher communication to parents and/or students. Primary communication will be email from (if you are not receiving emails from teachers and schools, please call your child's school to update it in our system). If you prefer a different means of communication, please let your child's teacher/school know.

Sunridge Middle School:

- Primary platform will be Google Classroom.
- Bi-weekly teacher communication to parents and/or students. Primary communication will be email from (if you are not receiving emails from teachers and schools, please call your child's school to update it in our system). If you prefer a different means of communication, please let your child's teacher/school know.
- Printed packets will available at the district office for those not online.

Pendleton High School/Hawthorne:

- A combination of Google Classroom, Acellus (online courses) and CANVAS (online platform).
- Bi-weekly teacher communication to parents and/or students. Primary communication will be email from (if you are not receiving emails from teachers and schools, please call your child's school to update it in our system). If you prefer a different means of communication, please let your child's teacher/school know.
- Check websites regularly:
 - pendleton.k12.or.us
 - hs.pendleton.k12.or.us

Please understand this is not "home-schooling" and we do not expect each parent to become a certified teacher. This is "crisis schooling", where we are all trying to do the best we can under the current circumstances. Be encouraging to your child, create routines for them to follow and when there's frustration, from you or your child, take a break. We want your student to exercise their brain everyday through reading, writing, math as well as other classes and activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Matt Yoshioka – PSD Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment