



PRAIRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 8

*FROM THE OFFICE OF PAULA CRANE,
SUPERINTENDENT*

March 31, 2020

Dear Prairie Central Community,

We hope you are staying healthy and enjoyed your time with family during our unusual extended Spring Break. Over the weekend we received the new guidelines from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) describing how we can move forward with newly defined "Remote Learning Days." Due to the hard work and preparation of our faculty and staff we are ready to begin with our lessons on Wednesday, April 1st.

Prairie Central is determined to keep students engaged in learning during our school closure. The goal of Remote Learning is to ensure all students have opportunities for continued learning that focuses on critical standards, keeps students, families and educators connected to learning, as well as supports the overall well-being and health of our students, families and staff.

Activities are organized by teachers at each grade level and contain a combination of offline and online options across multiple subject areas. Please know that we understand this is a challenge. We hope that parents and families can partner with children to ensure a continuity of learning for students, and recognize that the resources and activities provided do not replace classroom instruction.

Kindergarten- Upper Elementary

Online instruction will begin with your student on April 1st. Teachers will be contacting you to help you prepare for that. Teachers will communicate learning activities each day. You can expect a variety of learning options such as recorded lessons, video conferencing, and assigned lessons, activities, and assessments. Some teachers have packets that will complement their daily lessons. We will have packets available for those students who will not be using technology as well. Your teacher will let you know if there is a packet available for you. Packet pick up will be styled in a drive through fashion. Parents should pull their vehicle up to the distribution station in front of their child's school and tell the staff member their child's name, grade and teacher's name and the packet will be handed to you without you having to leave your car. Families unable to get a packet should contact their school principal to arrange delivery.

Beginning Wednesday, April 1, staff members will be available each day from 8:00-1:00 via email, REMIND, Class Dojo, or Google for any questions from students or parents.

PICK-UP Times

Primary East/Primary West	Monday, April 6th	Tuesday, April 7th
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Pre-K and ECE	8:00-9:00am	5:30-6:30 pm
Kindergarten	9:00-10:00am	5:30-6:30 pm
1st grade	10:00-11:00am	5:30-6:30 pm

Prairie Central Elementary School	Monday, April 6th	Tuesday, April 7th
2nd grade	8:00-9:00 am	5:30-6:30 pm
3rd grade	9:00-10:00 am	5:30-6:30 pm
4th grade	10:00-11:00:am	5:30-6:30 pm

Prairie Central UE & JH	Monday, April 6th	Tuesday, April 7th
5 th -6th grade	8:00-9:30 am	5:30-6:30 pm
7th-8th grade	9:30-11:00 am	5:30-6:30 pm

Junior High & High School

JH and HS students are able to access coursework and communicate with teachers through Google Classroom, electronic materials and email. Teachers will use their platform to communicate learning activities, post lessons, assessments, and assignments throughout the week. Teachers will also be accessible daily to provide assistance and answer questions from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Some JH/HS “office” hours may vary from this. If so, this will be communicated to students

Students are responsible for reaching out to teachers if they are struggling to complete the assigned learning activities and arrange a plan with the teacher. Students who do not have access to the internet are asked to contact the school in order to arrange a method of communication with their teachers.

Expectations of Time on Task for Students

Students will be expected to spend time each day on lessons, assignments, and tasks given to them by their teachers. Teachers have developed the following *approximate* expectations for the amount of time students should be devoting to schoolwork each day. In addition to these minutes, “specials teachers” will be assigning weekly tasks. **K-6 grades are focusing on reading and mathematics only, with social studies and science integrated when possible.

K: Approx 20 minutes per day per subject

1st: 20-30 minutes per day per subject

2nd: 30-40 minutes per day per subject

3rd: 40 minutes per day per subject

4th: 40-50 minutes per day per subject

5th/6th: 50-60 minutes per day per subject

7th-12th: Core (4) subjects 30 minutes per day per subject

Submittal of Work

For safety reasons, we will not require students to turn in paper copies of school work. All work should be submitted digitally. If your family does not have internet access and cannot link in digitally, your child's teacher will work with you on a method of submitting work.

Students with Special Needs

If your child has an IEP, our speech pathologist, social workers, and special ed teachers will be getting in contact with you soon to discuss services.

Technology Availability

If you did not already sign up and receive technology, or you have discovered additional needs, please go to our [Family Technology Form](#) to sign up by the end of this week, April 3, 2020. Technology is available for Kindergarten through 12th grade students enrolled in Prairie Central. Due to grant guidelines PK students do not receive technology. Parents must sign an agreement when they pick up technology.

Also, internet hot spots are available in parking lots at Primary East, Primary West, Prairie Central High School and Prairie Central Junior High for student use.

Food Distribution

In addition to providing remote learning, Prairie Central is committed to ensuring that our families receive resources during this extended school closure. "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch meals will be available to any student at six sites on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Meals are FREE for all children 18 years and under within our district borders and adults in need. Sign up with the [Meal Sign-up Form](#) We welcome all children regardless of need!!

Click on to this [link](#), to find the resources and programs available to students during the extended school closure.

Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility as we navigate these challenging times!