

Dear Durant Families,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well. Here at Durant Community School we have been working diligently to find ways to bring learning resources to your child. As we work through this we are also taking our guidance from the Iowa Department of Education in order to make sure that we are doing what is appropriate for your child. Having said that, we want to lay out our current plan for providing resources for your student. Please understand that this plan can and probably will change as we move forward. We will do our best to communicate any changes and continue to bring resources to your students throughout this unprecedented situation.

iPad Distribution K-12

We feel it is important for our students to have access to their iPads if that technology is needed at home. There will be an email from our Technology Director that will include a Google form that needs to be signed for the parents to fill out and return via email prior to picking up the iPads. The pickup will happen next Monday (4-6-20) during a set time in front of the high school commons doors. (7:00am-8:30am/10:30am-12:00pm/1:30pm-3:00pm) Please watch for this email so that you are aware of the times and expectations if you need to pick up your student's iPad.

As of right now this is how we are going to proceed as a district for families in grades PK-6

- Teachers will be in contact with students and families.
- Teachers will also be creating a grade level Facebook page in order to promote personal communication as well as provide a vehicle for sharing resources and learning opportunities for students. Nothing that we are doing is required. We are providing these opportunities in order to stay connected with your student as well as to keep learning at the forefront.

As of right now this is how we are going to proceed as a district for families in grades 7-12

- Teachers will be making personal contacts with your students through their seminar groups on a weekly basis. Your son and/or daughter's seminar teacher will be calling you on a weekly basis so look for those contacts.
- The 7-12 grades will run an "A" day schedule on Tuesdays and "B" day schedule on Thursdays starting next Tuesday, April 7th. These days will be set time wise like a normal four block day as if your student was in school starting at 8:05 with first block. Listed below is the start times for both Tuesday(A Day) and Thursday(B Day). Please note that 7th and 8th grade will not meet for 3rd block or any other half block class.

1st Block-8:05

2nd Block-9:34

3rd Block-12:06

4th Block-1:35

The teacher will invite your student to their class through Google Hangout using the students school email address and the teacher will do an enrichment activity lesson that will last from 30-60 minutes via Google Hangout. This enrichment

activity lesson is an opportunity and is not required and there will be no grading of assignments. Nothing that we are doing is required. We are providing these opportunities in order to stay connected with your student as well as to keep learning at the forefront.

We appreciate everyone's support and help in trying to bring some learning opportunities in this unique and unprecedented times. As more information becomes available we will communicate any changes to this current plan or anything else that may impact our students and families in the Durant Community School District.

Sincerely,

Mr. Diederichs and Mrs. Stineman