



# WISH

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Dear WISH Elementary Families and Staff,

Thank you for all of your participation in our first three weeks of virtual learning! We hope everyone is enjoying some well-deserved rest before returning to Virtual Learning next Monday, April 20th. These two weeks of break were important for our students, staff, and parents to refresh, relax, and rejuvenate! I have heard many stories of joy and connection, and very much appreciate all the stories you have shared with me about your Spring Break. Here are a few quick elementary specific updates as we get ready to return to Virtual Learning next week.

### Virtual Learning "Back to School Night" Zoom Calls for Parents- Week of April 20th

We recognize that with this new learning style, there still may be some outstanding questions and we want to answer them! Each grade level team is going to host a Virtual Learning "Back to School Night" Zoom call for parents the week we return from spring break. You should have received this information from your child's teacher already, but [here](#) are each grade level's dates, times, and call links if you are able to join! If you are unable to join the call, all sessions will be recorded and posted in Bloomz for everyone to access afterward.

### Spring Parent-Teacher Virtual Conferences- Week of April 27th

Due to the shift in instruction, we missed our Spring Parent-Teacher conferences that were scheduled for the end of March. We would still like to host these conferences one on one with families, but virtually. This will give the teachers, parents, and students a chance to check in about virtual learning successes and challenges. Please be on the lookout for sign-ups coming from your teachers. For the entire week of April 27th- May 1st, teachers will conduct conferences with parents during their office hour times. The focus of each conference will be to check in with families about how virtual learning is going and what supports your family still needs.

### Virtual Spirit Week to Replace "Rock the Test" Spirit Week- Week of April 27th

Originally, we had plans to do a "Rock the Test" Spirit week April 27th- May 1st. Although we no longer are doing state testing, we can definitely still do a Virtual Spirit Week as something fun for our students to partake in! Please refer to this [page](#) for the daily themes and hopefully, your child will be able to join us on screen for our spirit days!

### Work Packet Pick Up Drive-Thru- Friday, April 17th @ 12 PM

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we find a system that works for everyone. Over the past several weeks, anyone who needed supplies, resources, and packets were delivered these items by the wonderful Ms. Jade. As we move forward with virtual learning, we want to ensure everyone has what they need to continue joining us online. If anyone does not have printer access and needs a hard copy of the work packet for your child, please use our drive-through system this Friday, April 17th between 12-2 PM to pick the packet up. This will also be a time for you to pick up any learning materials you may need such as paper, pencils, books for reading, etc. If you plan to use this system, please RSVP [here](#) so we know how many packets from each grade level to prepare. We will have the other supplies readily available at your request. The staff who will be working the drive-through will follow social distancing guidelines and will be wearing masks and gloves. This is also an opportunity for any families who have been unable to turn work in digitally to turn completed work in to return to their teachers for grading. If you are able to print from home, please refer to this [folder](#) for the work packets you will need or refer to any communication you have received from your child's teacher. This Google drive folder will be updated on a weekly basis for all families to have access to.

### Grading FAQs for Parents

With the recent announcement of virtual learning continuing for the remainder of the school year, it is important that I address how we will continue to keep your child engaged throughout their learning:

- Lessons will continue to be taught through Canvas and classes will continue to follow the adjusted bell schedule.
- Teachers are available to students during their office hours on Monday-Wednesday and Friday to reteach concepts, answer questions, and assist with assignment completion.
- All assignments are still expected to be completed by students and submitted to ensure that students are achieving full mastery of any given subject.
- Assignments will be scored and included in the final academic marks for the Semester Two Final Report Card.
- Considerations will be made to support students in preserving the progress they made prior to school closures and enabling them to demonstrate further learning in ways that are appropriate to their context during distance learning.
- We want to ensure that students are receiving excellent instruction, access to learning, and continuous support in education during this time, please continue to have your child turn in all assignments, take all online quizzes and complete online assessments. Homework is not assigned during this time, however, assignments are still expected to be completed. All of your child's hard work will matter and make a difference in the future.

Please click [HERE](#) to view WISH Community Elementary School's Virtual Grading Guidelines.

When we return on April 20th, please remember to continue submitting all tech requests and feedback through this website, including any damage to Chromebooks: [planetbravo.com/assist](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Principal Leonard

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