

ASD Parents and Guardians:

I hope you and your family are safe and well. By now, most of you have been contacted by your child's classroom or advisory teacher. I want to thank the parents who have taken the time to speak with teachers over the last few days. We have gained important information during these conversations that will be used to better support our students and families.

Over the last week, Astoria School District staff have been researching, working individually and collaborating to craft the best, most efficient approaches to remotely serve the needs of our students. During this unprecedented time of school closure, priorities for the remote learning program include the following:

- To work to help students stay connected to their teacher(s) and our school community.
- To provide students with engaging and enriching opportunities to continue to think, learn, and grow.
- To support parents and families with resources and support that allow them to support their students' needs.

Astoria School District staff understand that each family's dynamic is different, especially considering the recent restrictions regarding the coronavirus pandemic. As each family is dealing with a unique and considerable lifestyle change, the delivery of learning opportunities will also be unique to each family. The District will focus on the above priorities from now until school is back in session.

Whether families will participate in online work or paper/pencil lessons with their children, the District is focused on staying connected with students, providing enriching and engaging learning opportunities, and supporting families as much as possible. We do anticipate some "bumps" as we adopt and use this new learning opportunity model, and we appreciate your patience as we learn together. The District will be putting information out via email and REMIND toward the end of next week regarding the remote learning model and how the District will get resources and school supplies to parents.

There have been many changes to our lives and community. With that, we have had to make changes to the District and the school year. The Astoria School District Board of Directors met on Thursday and took action on the 2019-2020 academic calendar. The following are changes to the District and the academic calendar:

School District Changes:

- The District will not have a third quarter grading period in April. This means your children will not have report cards at the end of third quarter. Grading for the end of the 2nd semester will be determined at a later time.
- On March 30, 2020 and March 31, 2020 Astoria School District will be providing trainings for all staff members on their roles during remote learning and teachers will be setting up their remote learning platforms whether that be online or paper/pencil methods.
- Remote learning and support will begin Wednesday, April 1, 2020. The District is making plans to get online information to students who will participating in online remote learning. On April 1, 2020 the District will be providing paper/pencil education information to students who have requested that model. The District will be working on a paper/pencil delivery system over the

next week and will be getting information out to parents on how they will receive these education materials and school supplies.

- As the guidance and recommendations from the State and Federal Government continue to change, Astoria School District will monitor the recommendations and adjust accordingly, as we work to provide opportunities and resources to our students and families.

Academic Calendar Changes:

- April 8, 2020 through April 10, 2020 will now be remote learning opportunity days and not parent teacher conferences.
- April 24, 2020 will now be a remote learning school day. May 15, 2020 is now scheduled to be a school day. Hopefully we will back at school, but if not, it will be a remote learning day. Those days were in the original calendar as make up days.
- School is still scheduled to end on June 11, 2020. This ending school day for students has not changed from the previous calendar.

I have attached the revised 2019-2020 school calendar. This calendar can also be found at the school district's website at www.astoria.k12.or.us.

The District will continue to provide meals to students on school days, throughout school closures. Meals are being passed out on bus routes, three hours after the normal pick up time in the morning. Parents can go to the [Astoria School District Website](#) to find out where and what time meals will be delivered.

As a community, we continue to move forward with our lives. I understand that the needs of our district families will change as time goes on. In response to those changing needs, the School District has assembled a Family Resource Team. This team will keep in touch with district families and work to support them with any supplies and resources we have available. Late next week, we will provide contact information for families in need of resources or supplies.

In conclusion, we want you to know that we miss your kids. Our staff is dedicated to the success of your students, and will continue to work to provide support, engagement and the best possible learning opportunities for your children during this difficult time.

At any time you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to call (503) 325-6441 or email me at choppes@astoria.k12.or.us.

Please take care of families and thank you for your patience and support.