

Current Distance Learning Information Beginning 4/6/20

Technology

- ★ **If you are still in need of a Chromebook please email Mrs. Fowler or Ms. Bondi before Monday 4/6.**
 - Devices will be checked out at MPTS between 10:00am and 12:00pm Monday 4/6.
 - Please email before you go to the school to arrange a pick up time.
 - laurenb.fowler@cms.k12.nc.us mary.bondi@cms.k12.nc.us
 - This may be the final chance to gain access to a school device due to CMS employees working remotely.
 - There are enough Chromebooks at MPTS for every 3rd-5th grade student.
- ★ **A Chromebook will benefit students greatly during this time of distance learning.**
 - Some of the assigned tasks cannot be accessed or completed by cell phone or tablet.
 - A personal device allows students the freedom to complete tasks, join lessons, and communicate with teachers or classmates when they need to.
 - Sharing a device requires students to work around the schedules of family members also utilizing the device.

Daily Schedule

- ★ **There will be a change in our daily schedule beginning next week due to new information.**
 - A copy of the new schedule has been emailed.
 - The following **MUST** occur at the time they are listed on the daily schedule:
 - Morning Meeting, ELA Block, Math Block
 - Completion of other items on the schedule is flexible. Especially parts labeled *optional*. Times were assigned as a suggested schedule.
- ★ **Office Hours**
 - The office hours are times when students will be supported with their work.

★ Weekly Individual/Small Group Check In

- Individual/Small group check in is a time where I will meet with students individually or in small groups on Zoom.
- These meets will focus on academic support as well as a time to connect with students.
- I would like to meet with each child once a week during these times.
- A weekly sign up via SignUpGenius will be shared beginning the week of 4/6.
- To keep the sign up secure, a code is required.
 - **Our code is: MPTSJ4**

★ Specials

- Specials are an optional activity that can enhance your child's day.
 - Here is the link to the specials pages:
<https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/myers-park-traditional-special/home>

Zoom Meetings

★ **Students should join Zoom meetings a few minutes before the starting time so we can begin on time. If students arrive late, they will need to follow along with what we are on at that point.**

★ **Here is the Zoom login information:**

- **Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/5944525844?pwd=Q2INeldIRWJreGRzTm5HV1ICWIFIUT09>
Meeting ID: 594 452 5844
Password: MPTSJ4
- Zoom information is also at the top of each assignment on Canvas.

Communication

★ I have set aside time in my daily schedule to check and return emails.

- These times are as follows:
 - 8:00am-9:00pm
 - 1:45pm-2:00pm
 - 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Please keep in mind that we have many meetings/conferences come up throughout the day. I will make every attempt to check email at these times, however you may not receive a reply right away.
- Communication with students will be through their Canvas email. This can only be used within the Canvas program. It is not a regular email.
- Communication with families will continue through my school email.

★ I am in the process of creating a website where I can post information for families.

- Information sent in emails will be posted here so families will have easy access.
- The website will also contain daily and weekly schedules as well as links to helpful sites.
- The site's address is: <https://janusiewicz.weebly.com/>

Academics

★ The length of academic time during distance learning is two hours total in core subject areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies).

- Students will have 50 minutes of both ELA and math and 20 minutes of science or social studies daily.
- Social studies and science will alternate. (Students will have either science or social studies each day, not both.)
- Zoom lessons are included in those two core content hours.
- This does not mean students are not allowed to work longer if they choose to. Teachers can only assign two hours worth of core content per day.
- EC students will meet with Ms. Pender on an abbreviated schedule. This time will also be included in the two hour total. She will provide a schedule for students.

★ **Students will be provided optional enrichment work they can work on throughout the week within the canvas assignments.**

- Enrichment should not come before completion of assigned tasks.
- These assignments are not required, but will help build student skills.

★ **Office hours will be held daily.**

- **ELA:** 10:30am-11:00am **Math:** 12:30pm-1:00pm
- Office hours overlap with independent work time to support students during independent tasks.
- A Zoom meeting will be open during office hours. Students can join as needed.
- Students will also have the option for academic support during weekly checks if needed.

Grading

★ **Grading Practices are currently on hold, even though we are beginning to roll out core instruction April 6. Parents will be informed of any changes as directives are given to staff concerning grading.**

★ **Until then:**

- Work will be assigned to students daily on Canvas and collected digitally through Canvas, Mastery Connect, or Google Drive.
 - If your child is unable to complete tasks online, please let me know so arrangements can be made.
- Teachers will be given meaningful student feedback as it relates to mastery of the standard/content in the assignment.
 - Feedback will be provided through teacher comments on completed Canvas assignments as well as during weekly check ins.
- Grades will not be entered into PowerSchool at this time
 - Work will be collected and kept until the end of the quarter to be used as grades if instructed to do so.

