

April 3rd, 2020

Please note-All upcoming events may need to be rescheduled or cancelled due to the Mandatory Stay At Home Order extended through May 1st, 2020 by Governor DeWine. If you have questions, please email the contact person listed on the flyer in the links below.

Dear Colonel Families,

First and foremost, I hope you are safe and well, and so is your own family. By now I am sure you have heard that the Governor has shut down schools at least until May 1. While we cannot wait to get back to 585 Neeb Road, we understand the importance of this order. With that being said, let's talk a little about remote learning

Over the past two weeks, we have passed out close to 700 Chromebooks, hundreds of meal bags, and started our remote learning with all of our students. Teachers are doing amazing things right now to keep your children engaged and moving forward. While we know we could never replicate what goes on inside the school building in your living room, we are still trying to provide each student with opportunities to learn and grow.

Our district website has information about the Corona Virus and our response. I am including the link here <u>https://sites.google.com/ohlsd.org/ohlsd-coronavirus/home</u>. Please take some time and look this information over. There is a lot to take in and it can be overwhelming, but it is important to be as informed as possible.

As I have told our staff many times in the past three weeks, communication and connecting are the key to the success of our remote learning. If you have questions, do not hesitate to email the teacher, or myself. We will do our absolute best to help you navigate this new way of learning right alongside us. We are in this together.

Unfortunately, we are going to have to cancel our Enrichment Day even if we are back in school. There is no time to put something of that magnitude in place in that short of time. We know this is a great activity, but nearly impossible to accomplish this year. It will be back in the 20-21 school year.

I have also been asked if we do not come back to school, what will happen with our fifth grade ceremony. We are committed to do something for our students even if it has to be moved to the summer. We do not want to send our Colonels off to Middle School without a proper goodbye. As of right now we will keep with our original plans and fifth grade parents will receive information regarding those plans next week. If timelines change, we will begin working on an alternative plan.

Barnhill Refunds. We will work on a plan to return all Barnhill money that was collected before we went on break as soon as we get clearance to get working in the building. We have not deposited that money yet, so we will plan to return it to you in the envelope you sent to us or in a CO Harrison envelope.

If we can help in any way, please reach out and ask. Stay in communication with your teachers and stay safe. Brian Conners

- 1. 3rd Quarter Report Cards are available to view online. Please check your student's ProgressBook account under the report card tab. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (513) 922-1485 and leave a message on our absence line which is checked daily. Leave a message with your name, your student's name and a phone number as well as an email address to reach you.
- Primary contacts (Residential Parent/ Legal Guardian) can add up to 5 additional emails or phone numbers to the OneCall Now system by creating an account with mycallnow. Here are the instructions:

Add Additional Numbers - The student's primary contact can create a *My Call Now* account to add an addition 5 email addresses or cell phone numbers to also receive *One Call Now* alerts and messages. You may do this by going to <u>https://www.mycallnow.com</u> and creating an account using the Primary contact's email address and your student's ID number.

* Please note - school district personnel are not able to access phone numbers or email addresses entered on this site, only the Primary Contact can make changes to the *mycallnow* system.

- 3. We will be checking the absence line regularly during our remote learning period so if you have any concerns please leave a message with your contact information so we can get back to you with answers as quickly as we can. Call 513-922-1485 and press "1" for our absence line to leave a message. Please include your name, phone number and an email address as well.
- 4. <u>Click here for a link to Social, emotional, behavioral, and academic resources from the counseling office</u>
- 5. Life Touch Spring Pictures were scheduled to be delivered the week of April 6th, 2020. All deliveries are subject to change based on the timeline for the stay at home order from the Governor of Ohio. We will send picture packets home with students once we get back in the building.
- 6. Barn Hill Preserve Educational Animal Program has been CANCELLED. **Optional** Merchandise payments made out to OHLSD or cash will be returned to students in an envelope marked with your student's name, teacher's name and homeroom number as soon as we return back to regular school hours.
- The PTA would like to thank you for your support of our candy sale fundraiser. Notices were sent home for students still missing candy or money. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns - Sarah Geil <u>Coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com</u>, 513-706-7616
- 8. <u>Click here for a link to an important message from our District Nurse regarding the Coronavirus.</u>

9. Specials Information:

Specials teachers are offering some fun optional activities at this time. These activities are ungraded and designed to be FUN, Creative, and/or physical activity suggestions to do at home.

Art: Mrs.Hettesheimer and Ms. Shorten have a combined google classroom: <u>ART CODE: vrnezyt</u>

Music Mrs. Roeper and Mr. Minnery have a combined google classroom . MUSIC CODE: vbxpm3s **Gym: Mrs. Falhaber and Mr. Beisel** have included activities through these Links for phys ed: Physical Education will post periodic updates to their Facebook

page: <u>www.facebook.com/cohgym</u> This is a website. Parents do not need a facebook page to access.

PE Distance Learning Resource

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12IEqPHUKySTcHNsSRE5sfAXdLKGvlyatrujRKRfsO6l/edit ?usp=sharing

PE Activity Log

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xuAuyBcsVaulKEfuaxwWfFyswh_vRtTFXADvor6yul/edit?usp=sharing

Questions? Contact information for specials teachers: <u>shorten_m@ohlsd.org</u> <u>Hettesheimer_c@ohlsd.org</u> <u>Roeper_j@ohlsd.org</u> <u>Minnery_K@ohlsd.org</u> <u>Falhaber_a@ohlsd.org</u> Beisel_b@ohlsd.org

10. PTA Cookies and Canvas with Mom! This event will be rescheduled when we return back to regular school hours.



Questions? Reach out to Sara Carpenter at <u>COHpta.vp1@gmail.com</u>

- 11. <u>Click here for a link to the OH Little Highlanders Cheer Flyer</u>
- 12. <u>Click here for a link to the 2020 OHYA 5k Informational Flyer</u>
- 13. <u>Click here for a link to the OH Youth and Youth Prep Dance Team Tryout Informational Flyer</u>
- 14. 2020 "Me & My Favorite Fella Dance" ~ Sat, April 18 @ OHHS, 7-9 pm. Back by popular demand for a 4th year, this special event is open to ALL families in the Oak Hills School District and family & friends. And NEW this year (we heard you), the dance is open to girls 3 & older!! You do not have to be a scout to attend. Girls, grab your Favorite Fella...Dad, Bonus Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or other father figure in your life, and get ready to share an unforgettably magic night together! See the attached flyer for more details. Buy your tickets @ https://2019-my-favorite-fella-dance.ticketbud.com/2020-me--my-favorite-fella-dance. Questions: gswo43805@gmail.com or (513) 313.3060.
- 15. <u>Click here for a link to a flyer for Trinity Hill Daycare Enrollment Options</u>

16. Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations Information on ALL sports, registration fees and registration links can be found by going to <u>www.ohyouthathletics.org</u> and choosing the sport.

17. The online Emergency Medical Authorization (EMA) form is available to access and update for the 2019-2020 school year. Click <u>here</u> to access the EMA system on the OHLSD parent portal. If your email or phone number has changed then Please complete ASAP! Updates regarding the status of remote learning is communicated through email and text via the OneCall Now system and if your number has changed or email has changed then you may not be receiving the latest information. Students may not attend field trips without a completed EMA form.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mandatory School Closure extended through May1st, 2020 per Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine due to the Coronavirus.

Reminder: A student may only be released during the school day to someone listed as Legal Guardian or an Emergency Contact on his/her online EMA. A photo ID is required to pick up a student and also to enter the school building for volunteering, meetings, using the restroom, etc.

Links: The 2019-2020 OHLSD School Calendar is available at <u>www.ohlsd.org</u>. <u>Click here for a link to the OHLSD Parent Portal</u> Click Here for Volunteer Packet with Background Verification Form

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents or Guardians need to contact the Attendance Secretary to give the reason why a student is absent from school. If a child is going to be on vacation or out for a surgery then the parent must email Mrs. Blome @blome_d@ohlsd.org in advance and list the range of dates for the absence along with **the reason** for the absence. Extended absences for surgery will also require a doctor note to be sent in when the student returns to school. A parent can call the absence line (513) 922-1485 and press 1 to reach the absence line voice mail to leave a message about an upcoming absence for a surgery or vacation with the range of dates as well as **the reason** for the extended absence. Contacting a child's teacher via email does not excuse an absence-it needs to be communicated with the attendance office so that the attendance record can be updated. Doctor Notes are also required for any absences (including doctor or dentist appointments during the day) after 10 absent days. Please remember that when your child is home sick you must call the absence line 513-922-1485 – press 1 for the absence line (Not the Nurse) to report the reason for the absence for EACH day a child is absent unless the doctor gives you the range of dates that your child will need to be out and you list those dates in the message. If the nurse sends your child home sick, a parent must still call the absence line the next day to report WHY the child is absent. You can also email the attendance secretary Mrs. Debby Blome @ blome d@ohlsd.org to give the reason for a child's absence. After 10 absences it is **REQUIRED** to send in a Doctor's note for illness and appointments-**NOT** a Parent Note. After 10 days all absences will be **UNEXCUSED** without a doctor's note. If a parent calls the absence line and does not give the reason for an absence it will be UNEXCUSED.

If you have any questions regarding a student's attendance record, please contact Mrs. Blome in the office.