

Information Concerning Distance Learning
3/24/2020

I hope all of our New York Mills Public School Families are well and safe.

As we continue to prepare for distance learning during this school closure, I want to reach out to our families with a tremendous thank you for all the support our school staff has received from our community. A school closure, the COVID-19 pandemic, and distance learning are all unprecedented events. The grace that has been extended to our staff during this preparation time is humbling and much appreciated.

We received word from the Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner that students WILL NOT be returning to our school building on Monday, March 30th. We will begin distance learning on Monday. At this time, distance learning will continue through April 30th. This is new to us and to every school district in our state. We are committed to modifying and improving our plan as needed to serve our students.

In preparation for distance learning on Monday, March 30th, much information will be forthcoming. Students in Grades 5-12 will be utilizing Google Classroom, Google Sites, and Class Dojo. Students in grades K-4 will be utilizing a combination of learning packets (to be sent home on Fridays), along with the previously mentioned web applications. Please check our website frequently for updated information. Learning materials will be delivered via the bus route beginning at 8:00 am on Friday mornings. This delivery will coincide with the meal delivery service that is occurring each weekday morning.

New York Mills Public School will continue to provide nutritional services for all children 18 years or younger. Families may continue to request meal delivery by calling the District Office. Meals may also be picked up at the commons door each morning between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am.

Child care services for our medical and emergency personnel, as well as any employee who works in a career listed as an essential employee, will continue throughout distance learning. Child care hours starting Monday, March 30th, will be from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm.

New York Mills Public School will continue to share important information with you as it becomes available. We are ready to go on Monday with our distance learning instruction and our staff is excited and ready to continue to work with your children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Blaine J. Novak