



East Millinocket Schools

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Dear Parents and Students:

This letter is to make you aware of our beginning of the school year protocols as our school continues to persevere through this pandemic. On Friday, September 11th, from 10 am to 12 pm, Opal Myrick Elementary School students and parents may come to the school to obtain instructional materials, a school issued computer or tablet, teacher and student schedules, and other information that will be needed for the first few weeks of school. This will also include computer logins and codes for accessing online materials and live instruction. Materials for students in grades K, 1, and 2 will be available under the canopies of the lobby entrance. Materials for students in grades 3 and 4 will be available for pick up at the 400 wing entrance (next to the sliding hill). Please wear a face covering and be mindful of social distancing when picking up these materials.

Students will follow a routine and schedule provided by their classroom teacher. Classes will begin on Monday, September 14th. This style of remote learning instruction will last until September 25th for those students who are planning on attending school in-person beginning September 28th. For those who opt to stay in a remote learning program, there will be changes to this program as teacher availability and live streaming capabilities will be limited due to students being back in our building. Parents or caretakers will have a greater responsibility to provide instruction and facilitate learning opportunities after the 25th. Materials and curriculum will still be provided by the school on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and support from teachers will still be available for remote learners throughout the school year. Please let the main office know if your child is going to participate in remote learning beyond September 25th, by Friday, September 18th. It is important to note that a remote learning program from a public school is different than a state approved homeschooling program.

Technical support is available for those families who may need further assistance. This may include help with internet access if this is a hardship. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be issued a Samsung Galaxy tablet. Students in grade 2, 3, and 4 will be issued a Chromebook that includes a keyboard. It is important to note that the school issued Chromebook computers have a design flaw. If a student allows for the computer to “go dead,” some machines will have a very difficult time charging back up. To ensure that this does not happen, please keep these computers fully charged and plugged in at all times. If you have any questions of technical problems that need trouble-shooting, please contact the school immediately.

School nutrition services will be available for free to all students until December 31st. You will be able to access breakfasts and lunches from the school located in your town of residency. For East Millinocket residents who have students enrolled in Opal Myrick Elementary School, meals will be delivered on September 14th, 17th, 21st, and 24th between 10:30 am and 12 pm. This bulk delivery will include breakfast and lunch for those entire weeks. Beginning September 28th, meals will be available for pick up at the side door of the cafeteria (closest to the playground) from 12pm to 1pm, Monday-Friday for students who opt to stay in a remote learning program. Please call the office to sign up to participate in this program. If you are a Medway resident, please contact Medway Middle School to access their school nutrition program.

It is also important to note that as we move forward with in-person learning options that class assignments and teachers may be subject to change to ensure that current CDC health and safety measures are being met and also to help balance teacher workloads. Thank you for understanding and support as we work hard to ensure a safe and quality educational opportunity for your child.

I know this is a lot of information and a lot to take in. If you need any help or need further assistance, please feel free to call me personally at 746-3511 ext. 102 anytime Monday-Friday. I will be more than happy to help. We look forward to working with children in whatever capacity necessary to ensure they get the quality education they deserve!

Sincerely,

Justin Page
Principal