



April 8, 2020

### **Regarding: Black River Public School Elementary Transition to Remote Learning**

Hello Black River Elementary Families,

Well, it feels like we've entered day 14,249 of quarantine. We hope that you all are staying healthy and safe and we are thinking about all of you and your children constantly!

Our teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to streamline a plan as we transition to a more formalized school routine at home.

Before we get into the details of the plan, I want to emphasize that we know that this is not easy and it is okay if you need to modify our plan to make it work for your family.

We realize that some families have parents on the front line --THANK YOU--and home-schooling your children is next to impossible. We will work with you.

There are families who have multiple children to keep engaged while working from home full-time. We understand and sympathize with your situation.

Please give yourself grace and forgiveness and take care of your family first.

It is uncertain how some of our children are internalizing the current crisis we are facing and it is crucial that the adults in their lives are there to help calmly guide them through it.

We ask that you do what you can and know that we are here to help and support you in any way that we are able.

To get started, we have created a Google Slide tutorial. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an introduction to the platforms we will use regularly as we offer remote learning opportunities.

They include Google Classroom, MyOn, and Freckle.

Attached, you will find a Parent 'To-Do' List and our revised school-wide expectations for remote learning. Please review these with your child.

You may access the presentation here: <https://bit.ly/2JM3YK2>

After you have had the opportunity to review the information presented, your child's teacher will be inviting you to a live 'virtual open house' over the next week to go over the basics and answer any questions you may have. These sessions will be recorded to view at your convenience.

As always, please do not hesitate to email if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care. We miss our BR community dearly and we will get through this.

P.S. Stay tuned for details about Chromebook pickup scheduled for next **Monday, April 13th** (if you indicated a need on the Tech Survey) and our plan for having families pick up students' personal belongings, scheduled for **next Friday (April 17th)**. Keep checking the website for the most up-to-date information.

<https://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/>

Take Care,

Mr. Jim and the BR Elementary Team