

Dear TFS Families,

What a week it has been with changes happening by the moment. We want to thank all the families for your continued flexibility and reaching out when you have questions or concerns. We also want to thank our educators for reaching out to each and every family and making those positive connections.

**1) Communication** - Hopefully you have received continued District communications from Dr. McLaughlin. The communications are archived on the District and TFS website. We have heard from many families that you are overwhelmed with the amount of information coming your way. As such, we have tried to be mindful of too many school-wide communications to families and have asked educators to increase their communications to families and students at their class level. **Of course, you can always reach out directly to us and call the Office at 889-1577. We are still here every day!**

**2) Device Pickup and Ordering** - Please continue to call the hot line to order devices (you can now order 2nd devices for your family if needed). Chrome books are on order at this point. Starting Monday, all device pickups will be at the Merrimack High School.

3) With the announcement of **remote learning now extended to 5/4**, educators are adding to their learning platforms and providing more and more opportunities for direct instruction. As of today, all classroom teachers have a learning platform (power school, see saw or Google site) that families and students can access (with adult guidance). Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you need more details on what that entails for your child. Case Managers and all special education staff are working closely with families of students with special needs to ensure that services are provided in a way that makes sense for families.

**4) Assessments/grading/evidence of work completion** - The District Leadership Team is in the process for developing guidelines on this front and district-wide considerations will be shared soon with families. More to come.

5) **Zoom Guidelines** - The District has developed further Zoom etiquette tips for families and educators. I will send those out to families on Monday to review with your children. Thank you for sharing the amazing things your children are doing. We have enjoyed participating in zoom calls with teachers and students, seeing students practice their music lessons, activities during outdoor recess etc.

Please check out our daily announcements at:

<https://www.sau26.org/Domain/541>

Don't forget Ms. Champlin's Daily Dose for story time for kids. See the link below.

## The Daily Dose

<https://sites.google.com/view/mschamplintfs/home>

Thank you for your patience as we continue to figure this out with all of you. We are doing our best and sometimes we make mistakes. For that, we ask for your grace and understanding. We know we are "Better Together" with all of you as our partners. Special hello to our TFS Hawks! Have an amazing weekend!

Sincerely,

Julie and Michaela