

Principal's Report April 2020

School Safety

We have been participating in remote learning since March 16th.

All employees handling food wear facemasks.

Only two people at a time are allowed in the lobby to pick up packets and materials.

Updates

State testing is suspended for the 2019-20 year.

We have weekly staff meetings and PLC meetings using Zoom.

INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Our goal for COVID-19 remote learning is staying connected to each of our families and keeping our students engaged so that they are ready to jump in where we left off when we come back together.

We have a student/family tracker where staff inputs data for student/family contact each week. For families we have not heard from, either Mrs. Cochran or I call/text/email.

We are currently delivering breakfast and lunch for seven days a week for 47 students (including high school students). We deliver Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We have two Ed. techs. for each delivery day helping to pack and deliver food. We will be delivering through April break.

Almost all teachers are engaging with their students weekly using Zoom.

Mrs. Walsh is offering a Zoom Creative Writing club.

Packets and materials are being prepared each week for students in K-5. Our lobby is open on Mondays from 7:00 AM-5:00 PM for parents to pick up. We deliver materials to those who need materials delivered.

We have created a Remote Learning Page

<https://sites.google.com/fivetowns.net/hes-home-learning/home>,

which is on our HES webpage. We are using this page for posting resources and updates all in one place for families.

A middle school newsletter is going out to MS students (and parents) each week, which includes Zoom meeting schedule, Zoom etiquette and guidelines, and academic suggestions from each teacher. Almost all MS students are participating in Zoom meetings at this time.

BECOME A COMMUNITY OF READERS

All students are encouraged to read daily.

Students are still able to check out library books using our library loan software.

Staff shared what they were reading at our last staff meeting.

BUILD STUDENT CONFIDENCE

Students are becoming more confident with using Zoom with their teachers and peers.

Students are practicing skills they were already taught, which is maintaining their academic momentum and giving them a chance to build their confidence.