



Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District

Engaging the mind, the heart, and the spirit

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Dear Kind & Caring Bonny Doon Families,

During the week of March 13, our teachers took the proactive initiative to provide some learning activities for this week (March 16-20). As you are already aware, school will remain closed through April 10. This week, our teachers are engaged in learning, designing and developing distance learning for our students during the current school closure.

Each Monday during the school closure, we will offer a weekly learning plan and necessary materials, which will be available for pick-up at 8:30. We will send more information about the pick-up procedure by Thursday evening. Please note, your student's teacher will contact classroom families directly with instructions and information each week via email or typical classroom-to-home communications (Seesaw or Google Classroom). *Please note: We will not be providing schoolwork for the week of spring break (April 6-10).*

Our efforts with distance learning, which will start after this week's learning and preparations, will be to both support students' maintenance of skills while advancing the curriculum. I am sure that many of you are seeing the plethora of on-line resources being offered, and we are committed to providing distance learning tools that will be familiar to either your student or you (Google Classroom, Seesaw, Kahn Academy as examples). As well, some teachers are sending home classroom textbooks and workbooks. Please take the best of care of these materials as they are expensive and in many cases, require a great deal of lead time to replace.

Over the past several years, our school has been supporting student learning through our homegrown STARS system: **Study Skills, Time Management, Accountability, Resourcefulness, Success**. Each month, our classroom teachers have been providing activities for home practice related to our monthly missions. This is a great time to revisit some of the ideas; you can find them by scrolling through the News & Announcements section on our web page (<https://bduesd.org/apps/news/category/15000?pageIndex=1>). We also want to emphasize our hopes that you have opportunities to enjoy playtime, downtime, and family time (baking, hiking, playing games), and consider the personal passion projects your family and students would love to explore.

We are working to minimize the traffic coming through the school office, so if you have any questions or needs, please call or email the office team prior to coming in:

ccote@bduesd.org ndao@bduesd.org mheffner@bduesd.org, 831-427-2300. We are committed to keeping our office open as long as possible through the closure. Our office hours are presently 8:00-3:00. The office, however, will be closed this Friday, March 20, as this is our scheduled staff development day/student holiday.

Please stay well,

Mike Heffner

Superintendent/Principal