



MARLBORO TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Hello Marlboro Community,

I first want to thank our parents, guardians, and staff for their continued support. We can only make the best of this together. Please know there is no manual, playbook, or even directions in general. I have three children myself. Take care of the safety of your family first. Make sure you are mentally well second (I know as parents we never do this first.). Don't stress over anything little. It's ok if work doesn't get submitted for the day. There is no problem we can't solve together.

We just finished our second day of virtual learning. As a district, we are taking feedback and preparing for the future of these remote learning days. Please know we are constantly in planning mode.

We have opened Google Hangouts Meet for our teaching staff. If the staff chooses to utilize these sessions, they will ask for your permission. Permission may be asked for individual sessions or a recurring session. Please know we have disabled the ability for students to meet with students via Hangouts Meet.

Staff may also call you to set appointments to speak with students as well. We are also exploring other remote learning opportunities. Please understand, we must be able to adequately train our staff before we can deploy any massive measure. Please be assured that we are working hard to look ahead to the future.

I asked our staff for some broad thoughts they wanted to convey to our incredible parents and guardians regarding this entire process.

- **Remote Buildings**

- Staff will be working remotely as of tomorrow (Thursday, March 19th). Phone extensions have been routed to staff emails for all essential staff. So, if you need to call the building, and you leave a message with the main office, this message will be routed to the appropriate staff member. Staff members will return your call when they receive the message. Please know, you may still email us with any concerns. Again, my email is ehibbs@mtps.org if you need me anytime day or night.

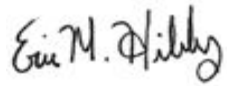
- **Printing from a Chromebook**
 - If you want to print from home from one of our chromebooks, you can do so by using a USB cable. Connect the chromebook to your printer using this cable. When printing, hit the dropdown (select more) and your printer should appear. You may have to try it a couple of times.
- **Technology Hotline Support**
 - If you have a problem with technology, please email us at technicalsupport@marlboro.k12.nj.us. All of our technology staff will be checking this address, and we will do our best to answer your questions. Please know that some questions may be out of our control, but we will do our very best to serve you. Our staff will be checking for issues between the hours of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please also contact our support if you are an Apple/Mac user and need help with logging into Google Classroom.
- **Additional Content**
 - Staff members are working diligently to post optional work for students. Please expect to see optional work posted on related arts, G&T, etc. teachers' web pages. We are trying to think "outside the box" to post activities, videos, and other work that students can complete without having you order from Amazon or take apart the kitchen sink. In addition, we are engaged in discussions about opening up additional levels of some of the district's online programs (e.g. "My son finished all of first grade ST Math!") Lastly, Edmentum has graciously offered the use of *Exact Path* for all district students. This is an adaptive program that will adjust to the specific needs of our students. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Google Classroom**
 - If your child is using Google Classroom, please remind them to **hit the "Turn In" button**.
 - Please remind students to look for and respond to feedback from staff in Google.
- **Online Programs**
 - Please let your child know that our teachers can see how much time they spend on an online program.
- **Work in General**
 - If you are having a hard time accessing our work, please email your child's teacher or building principal. Staff will begin to contact you as of Friday if they see that work is not being completed.
- **Get Them Up and Active**
 - Our students take frequent breaks. Don't get frustrated if they can't sit for hours. Let them stretch, walk, etc. Register at [Go Noodle](#) for some brain breaks. It's free! You can "Baby Shark" away.
- **Reading and Math Coaches**
 - Our reading and math coaches will be contacting you to set up sessions for Tier 3 RTI students. Please look for these communications. For more information on RTI, please click [HERE](#).
- **Gifted and Talented Teachers**
 - G&T teachers will be posting work to their web pages every Monday with a due date of Friday.
- **Food Delivery**
 - Tomorrow we will deliver food to eligible students again. You will receive two lunches/snacks for both Thursday and Friday. Next week (March 23-27), we will deliver on Monday - Wednesday - Friday. You will receive two lunches/snacks for Monday-Tuesday on Monday. You will receive two lunches/snacks for Wednesday-Thursday on Wednesday. Friday will have only one lunch/snack. If you need anything, please email Vinnie at vpalmiero@mtps.org.

- **Intervention and Referral Services**

- If any child was slated for an I&RS meeting with staff, we are postponing these meetings until after we return.

Please know that we are here for you. We understand the feelings of frustration, being overwhelmed, and any other emotion possible. Please know that we realize that your first priority is your FAMILY. Again, don't stress over the small things. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Hibbs". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Eric M. Hibbs
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