

March 20, 2020

Tomball ISD Family,

As we prepare to begin our remote engagement activities for all students on Monday, March 23, I want to first thank you for being patient with us as our campus leadership teams and teachers have been diligently preparing for this innovative transition to remote learning.

Our remote learning site will be linked to our TomballISD.net homepage this weekend. Please take the opportunity to access the site sometime this weekend and to review the resources that are available. On Monday, March 23, we will begin our remote learning activities.

- Students in Grades PK-K will access remote learning activities through their teacher webpages.
- Students in Grades 1-12 will access their new classrooms through Google Classroom. Directions for access are located in the Parent/Student Academic Remote Learning Resources on the Remote Learning site.

During Week 1 of Remote Learning (March 23-27), students will become comfortable in their new learning environment and will engage in activities related to a learning focus. It is important to log in so that your teacher(s) know that you are up and running in our new platform. If you are having trouble or need assistance, please let your teacher(s) know. We will assess accessibility needs during Week 1 in order to formulate a plan to support families who may need assistance with a technological device. Information regarding this will be communicated during Week 1.

Please know that no grades will be assigned during Week 1 (March 23-27) for any course.

We are fully committed to making Week 1 of remote learning simply about getting acclimated and comfortable learning online in Google classroom and in all of the online resources that we have available for you.

As the weeks progress, the online learning will become easier to navigate and new methods and techniques will be added by the teachers to enhance the learning experience. Teachers will be communicating "office hours" in which they will be available online in the Google classroom to answer any student questions in real time.

The activities planned will be formatted in such a way that there will be flexibility within the week to complete them. In addition, we have added digital citizenship resources online that help encourage, support, and promote internet safety protocols for our students.

Teachers are working to ensure our remote instruction framework is inclusive of all learners to the greatest extent possible. Additional information concerning the impact of remote instruction on Individual Education Plans (IEP) will be sent directly to parents of children in Special Education from the Student Support department.



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We know that as families, you are balancing this new situation, family obligations, siblings, work and other commitments during this very challenging time. We want to continue to support you as members of Team Tomball by continuing high quality instruction and social emotional support as best as we possibly can through this new remote environment.

We ask that you continue to be patient with us as we prepare to launch remote learning. Just as it is new to you, it is new to us. We will work to support you and our students in any way possible as we navigate the next few weeks.

Above all, be safe, take care of one another, and remember, we are in this together. We are TEAM TOMBALL!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora
Superintendent of Schools