



April 9, 2020

Greetings Lincolnway Bulldogs,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well and staying healthy! I also hope that you are finding some stability in our “new normal” and navigating these uncertain times as best as you can. One thing is certain, though: we dearly miss our Lincolnway Bulldogs, and we are committed to continue to give our students learning experiences that support their academic growth, even as our schools are physically closed.

Google Classroom

We are prepared to begin online/distance learning for students on Tuesday April 14, 2020. This will occur through Google Classroom at the elementary level. Each teacher (including specials teachers - Art, PE, Music, and Media) at Lincolnway has his or her own Google Classroom set up that your child can access with their District-issued Chromebook. Each week, students will have activities and assignments posted that they must complete. All learning activities and assignments for each week must be completed by 7:00 PM on Friday. Lincolnway students are expected to spend 60 minutes per day on the learning activities designed by their teachers. Teachers will post video lessons and tutorials and will be available throughout the day to support students’ needs. Students have the ability to communicate directly with their teachers through Google Classroom as well.

Our goal is to be partners with families and work together to facilitate student learning. If your child ever becomes frustrated with the learning activities or assignments, or if your child is spending more than 60 minutes per day and not successfully completing assignments, I strongly encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher who can offer support. We understand that each family is facing unique challenges, and due to these extraordinary circumstances, our teachers will be flexible in our understanding and approach to these challenges during this time. Further, while we do expect that each student will complete lessons and work to the best of his or her ability, please know that our priority for Distance Learning throughout the closure is that students will not be penalized for circumstances beyond their control.

Attendance & Grading

Beginning on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and on each school day for the remainder of the school year, Lincolnway students will be required to complete a daily attendance check-in. This will be posted in your child’s Google Classroom, and students must complete it by 7:00 PM each school day. We will use this daily attendance check-in as a means to know that your child is engaging in the weekly assignments from his/her teacher, and your child will not be marked absent as long as he or she completes the attendance check-in activity.

All activities and assignments completed by your child will be graded as Satisfactory (S) or Needs Improvement (N), with the emphasis to be on student learning and growth. If students put forth their best effort, they will receive satisfactory scores. If your child receives a Needs Improvement score for anything that is submitted, he/she will have the opportunity to resubmit the assignment.

Technology Help

If your child experiences any technology issues with the District-issued chromebook, please feel free to reach out to the District Helpdesk. If support is needed, please reach out through our website [HERE](#) or by calling the District Helpdesk at 717-792-2796 x 2044. The Helpdesk is available from 9AM - 3PM every school day.

Additionally, we are offering some technology training sessions for parents who would like some basic support in how to login to Chromebooks and access/navigate Google Classroom. Dates and times for these sessions will be posted on Lincolnway’s Class Dojo.

As always, I thank you for your support, patience, and flexibility as we work together to support our Lincolnway Bulldogs during this time. If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher or myself. Stay safe, stay healthy, always be kind, and be your best Bulldog self!

With Bulldog Pride,
Katy Kveragas
Principal