April Newsletter - 2020

White Bluff Elementary School

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Our mission at White Bluff Elementary is to encourage the love of learning while preparing students for success in life.



WBES staff, faculty, and administrators want you to know that we love and miss our students! We are all navigating a challenging time together even though we may not see each other. The District has developed opportunities to keep students engaged during this time. Our goal in this newsletter is to put all the information specific to our students and their families in a single document so you will have everything you might want as an easy reference. Stay healthy. We hope to be back together soon.

Andrea Beaubien, Principal

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K-5 Continuing Learning Opportunities

Dickson County Schools utilizes different online applications to aid in educating your student. Most all applications can be accessed using the Clever portal. If your student has access to internet, it's recommended to use the Clever portal to access current and new curriculum for study. The printable packets are only for students without access to internet. Most students will know the Clever process and should be able to access the appropriate applications once they are logged in.

Within the Clever application, students will have access to iReady, Achieve 3000 and other learning applications. iReady is the recommended resource for Math. This is a high-quality program that will support students in reviewing skills. It offers both online learning and printable learning options. ELA recommendations vary by grade bands. Smarty Ants is recommended for students in grades K-2. In grades 3-5, the recommended ELA resource is Achieve 3000. These resources are high quality and will provide students multiple opportunities to review and enhance previously learned skills.

In addition to the above recommendations, links to a variety of free online resources for all content areas are available at http://www.dcstn.org/onlinelearning.aspx within the grade level tabs. For students who are unable to access online resources, printed materials will be made available at parent request.

As a reminder, students will not receive grades for these activities.

District K-5 Reading Incentive Program

We want to continue to encourage students to read 20 minutes a day during school closure. This is a fun, optional approach for students to do while at home. For complete information, check under the K-5 grade level tabs **Important points**

- If your student has access to internet, please use Clever to access all primary learning material.
- Clever contains the Achieve 3000 & iReady lessons that are similar to the packets for grades K-5. Printing these packets is unnecessary if your student has internet access. Again, please use Clever online if possible.
- K-5 Students: You will find a link to the right named K-5 Parent/Student Home Learning Packet. This
 packet will detail how to help your student continue learning while at home without internet access. This is
 the printed packet that will be provided by the District. Any other printable materials will need to be
 printed by the parent or student.

*NOTE: If a parent or student chooses to print any other packets, only print one lesson at a time. Math packets can be worked on paper without printing if a student/parent can download the digital version of the packet to a device that can be used offline.

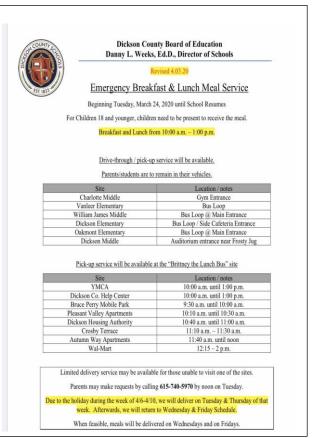
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What if you can't connect to the internet to use resources online?

The District has created a Student- Home Interaction Packet to engage your child and provide valuable bonding time for families. Parents may request a packet by calling the District Office at (615) 446-7571. The websites will be refreshed on Monday 4/13 with updated content. You must call before noon on Tuesday 4/14. Packets will be available on Wednesday 4/15. If you request a packet, please pick it up, as much staff time and resources are required of us to prepare these for you. Go to <u>internetessentials.com</u> for info from Comcast for affordable internet.



If you are feeling anxious or wondering how to help your child feel calmer, check out the counselors' page at:

http://www.dcstn.org/Downloads/counselor message.pdf



Third quarter report cards will be finalized and available for you to view in Skyward on Monday 4/13. If you cannot access Skyward, you may call Central Office to request a card to be mailed to you.

REPORT CARDS

PBS Teaching Tennessee

Through a partnership with the state's PBS stations, Tennessee students will have access to daily instructional content during COVID-19 school closures, starting April 6.

Tune in to WNPT Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. CDT for *Teaching Tennessee*. Tennessee educators will provide a virtual classroom lesson on English Language Arts or Math for grades 1-8. Four hours of content will also be streamed overnight, which viewers can watch live or record.

The full schedule of lessons is available here: https://www.tn.gov/education/pbsteaching