

Dear Gorillas,

We hope this email finds you and your family doing well! We miss our students more than you will ever know. This video was recently posted to the Davenport School District Facebook page, we encourage you and your students to watch it. We will persevere through this time together and knock down any wall that stands in our way. Please reach out to us with any questions and/or concerns, we are here for you! #teamgorilla

<https://youtu.be/8k1cfjJiGtl>



Important Update: Class of 2020 (Graduation Day)

The graduation date & time **remain unchanged and will proceed as planned on June 6th @ 3:00 pm.** However, the ceremony will most likely look a lot different, and we are in the process of determining alternatives to hosting it in the gymnasium. If you have alternative ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to Paula Furman as we are in the process of setting up a senior parent committee to explore ideas.

IMPORTANT: Seniors, it is imperative that you stay engaged in your learning and classes. You now have an end goal date in mind, and you need to complete your senior year in order to **earn your HS Diploma** & Participate in your HS Graduation Ceremony!

Please read the following information for further details to ensure your ongoing success!

Important Update for ALL Students: Report Cards, Quarter Grades, & Skyward:

MS/HS:

3rd Quarter: **Report cards** will be mailed home this week. If you have concerns about your child's grade please email the teacher, Mrs. Hawley, or Mr. Prewitt. **Reminder**, 3rd quarter grades were earned when we were **in** school. Students were not penalized for the closure. In fact, we extended the quarter by two weeks in order to help students improve their academic standing.

4th Quarter: Teachers will be entering grades into the **Skyward** portal for 4th quarter. If you need your parent log-in and password, please email Mrs. Abbott or Mrs. Collins. This quarter will be based solely off the work completed through our "distance" learning model. We will be pulling grades every Monday @ 2:00 pm.

Elementary:

3rd Quarter: Report cards will be mailed home this week as well, reflecting the work that was completed while we were still in school. This is a good time to take a look at your child's progress and help them with IXL, Redbird/ALEKs to refine the standards that they may need more practice on. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Strozyk.

4th Quarter: Keep working hard and engaging with your children and their teachers. We completely understand how hard this is and just want you to keep trying and connecting so that the children come back in the fall ready to learn. Parents, most of you are NOT trained as teachers.... Take a deep breath, have fun doing what you can with your children on their work. Please keep engaging with your children's teacher via email, phone, or in one of the upcoming class meetings teachers will be scheduling. If we DON'T hear from you, we will reach out. Not to make you feel uncomfortable or like you aren't doing a good job, but to check-in to see if you have any needs or barriers we can help with. We miss seeing you and teaching your children each day at school! We will be looking at what our 4th quarter report cards look like, but are awaiting final guidance from the OSPI's committee on this. Stay tuned...

Distance "Virtual" Learning, Connectivity Issues, & Thumb Drive Delivery:

We have been up and running in the "virtual" world for some time. All of our 6th - 12th grade classes can be found in "**Google Classroom**." This is a virtual classroom where students can interact with their peers, receive/turn-in assignments, and connect with their teacher. However, we know that some of our students cannot access this platform due to internet connectivity issues.

Therefore, teachers are now uploading all of their materials and videos to a **Thumb Drive**. These **Thumb Drives** will be available every week for pick-up and delivery on

Tuesdays. The materials on the thumb drives will work on your “chromebook” even if it cannot connect to the internet.

The elementary is working on refining their communication and assignment delivery to make it easier for parents and students. If you need a paper/pencil packet, or need help with Google Classroom or Classroom Dojo, reach out to your child’s teacher or to Mrs. Strozyk. We are here to help.

Parent & Guardian Communication:

MS/HS:

Every **Monday** we will be emailing you a weekly “snap-shot” of everything teachers are expecting for the entire week. This will also be posted to our school website and Facebook page. We are working hard to improve our communication, so you know exactly what your students should be doing. Additionally, we are trying to follow the OSPI recommendations for distance learning minutes and hour requirements.

Middle School (6-8): Approximately **20 minutes** per class; **2.5 hours** per day

High School (9-12): Approximately **30 minutes** per class; **3 hours** per day

However, if your student is taking an **Advanced Placement** or **College in High School** course, your minutes and hour expected work time will most likely exceed these limits. Those courses have different curriculum expectations and requirements. **Note:** Students need to communicate with their teachers via email, Google Classroom, or phone to communicate any questions or concerns.

Elementary:

Teachers will continue to check-in and send assignments through email, Google Classroom, and Class DoJo. We are moving towards Google Classrooms and have them set up for grades 1-5, but are doing a bit more professional learning on what will be the best method for our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students. If you have suggestions or ways to make this all better for your family, email Mrs. Strozyk at cstrozyk@davenportsd.org.

OSPI’s recommended guidelines for maximum student commitment each day are as follows:

Pre–K: 30 minutes

Grades K–1: 45 minutes

Grades 2–3: 60 minutes
Grades 4–5: 90 minutes

Parent email & Bulletin:

If you have an **email** that you would like us to use for communication, please email Mrs. Abbott or Mrs. Collins or Mrs. Lebsock. We will add you to our bulletin list along with emailing you student progress and any other pertinent information

“Virtual” After-School Studies:

That’s right! After-School Studies is BACK for grades 6-12! If your student needs help with homework or just wants to connect, the after-school studies team will be available virtually very soon. Students will receive additional information soon.

Teachers “Office” Hours & Coffee with Counselors:

We will also be sending out a calendar with teacher and counselor “office” hours. This will be a set time where students can connect virtually with staff to ask questions, get guidance, and help.

Sincerely,

The Davenport School District