

7 March 2020

Dear Laker Families:

I want to provide you an update to this past Sunday's letter I sent to you regarding our efforts to protect the health of our students, staff and visitors. Also, as part of this communication, there is a separate letter from Jennifer Gretzmacher and Stephanie Long outlining information for you regarding our online education plan in the event of an extended closing of the schools. You will find that letter below, immediately following my update.

- All buses are cleaned with the chlorinated atomized spray/or other cleaner, each time students exit the bus. Whether it is after they come to school, after field trips or after they are taken home, the busses are sanitized.
- Beginning this weekend, the entire school, stem to stern, will be cleaned both manually and using the chlorinated spray. This is in addition to the chlorinated spray and manual cleaning being used during the week throughout the school.
- Hand sanitizer stations now greet each person visiting the building at our three main public entrances.
- Each classroom has the option to use liquid hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes.
- We have added yet another substitute custodian to our day crew to clean and sanitize every door handle and common use areas.
- We are emphasizing over and over and over to students and staff alike: "Wash your hands!" We believe is it helping!

We all know that no matter how much we sanitize areas throughout the schools and our homes, the best measure to take is a personal one—wash our hands. A lot. A lot a lot.

The above referenced letter from Mrs. Gretzmacher and Mrs. Long will provide you with information and instructions on how to keep your child(ren) actively engaged in the learning process in the event we need to close the schools for an extended period of time. As you have questions, I ask that you communicate with your child's teacher. The principals and Mrs. Gretzmacher will also be ready to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Our absences this past week have gone up and down like they do every spring when the weather begins to change and the cold and flu season ramps up. Our highest percentage of absence was Wednesday when we hit 12%. We dropped to 8% yesterday.

As information arrives to us that is pertinent and important to you, we will communicate that to you immediately.

"Happy Hand Washing!"

Jon D. Hoover

Superintendent

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To: All Laker Families

This letter is a follow-up to Mr. Hoover's March 1st communication regarding Glen Lake's response to a potential extended school closure due to illness:

If the spread of the Coronavirus were to reach Michigan and Leelanau County, and we had to close school for an extended period of time, we will look to continue the education of our students through online opportunities. There are some inherent challenges with that model, but we are working to find best answers if it becomes a reality. We will keep you informed of our plans as circumstances warrant.

In an effort to be proactive, we are developing an online resource link on our Glen Lake Schools homepage. Parents and students will be able to access classroom or grade level resources, lessons, materials, and information in the event that learning will need to be occurring electronically.

We will include video tutorials that will help to explain how to use these online resources. Several teachers already provide online access via Google Classroom, which they will continue to use, however, this resource will put all of that information front and center for easier access.

Our goal is to have the links and site active by Monday, March 9th, with the understanding that it will be continually updated with appropriate materials and resources. These resources will be available throughout the year to assist in providing additional learning opportunities and practice, however, in an extended illness closure, they will be updated with daily additional lessons.

We also have a plan to provide your child with the necessary technology and resources if needed. A separate communication will be sent to parents of our Second, Third and Fourth Graders regarding this plan.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work towards addressing closure concerns while maintaining our high levels of educational expectations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gretzmacher, Title 1 Instructor

Stephanie Long, Secondary Principal