

Good Evening Brown Families,

School resumes tomorrow, the school board did decide that elementary students would continue their normal learning. If your students are in building learning, we'll see them in person tomorrow. If your students are distance learning, they will continue with distance learning tomorrow.

Here are our Brown Updates:

➤ **Giving Tree**

- In the spirit of the holidays, Brown Elementary would like to provide the opportunity to help assist some of our Brown School families make the holidays possible. Due to Covid, we will not have a giving tree this year. Instead, we will be asking families to reach out to our school counselor if they would be willing to "adopt" a family who may need extra support during this holiday season.
- If you are able to help please contact Lauren Mattingly: lmatingly@waschoeschools.net
- If your family is in need of additional supports this Holiday please contact Lauren at the email listed above.

➤ **Laptops:**

- If your student is in need of a laptop. We have received a few more, please email Sunet Fantin, our ETS, at sunet.fantin@washoeschools.net.

➤ **Exclusions:**

- I want to explain and address the expectations of students who have been excluded for the recommended 14-day incubation period after experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 or possible exposure to a person who has COVID-19.
- Students who are excluded from school are still required to participate in school, school work, and learning activities. Parents/guardians and teachers are expected to communicate, collaborate, and work together to figure out what works best for individual students to not fall behind during the period of exclusion. There are several options available for students to

ensure that they have access to academic materials during this time. This can take the form of:

- Teachers providing students with work online.
- Teachers providing packets for parents to pick up from the school location.
- Teachers providing makeup work for students who were not able to do work while excluded (they will have the amount of time they were out of school plus 1 day to complete the makeup work).
- Students doing in building learning can zoom into classroom if feeling up to it during the exclusion period and are expected to do all work. (This is contingent upon whether teacher can add this to their schedule.)
- Students in distance learning can continue to participate in distance learning, and will make-up work when sick as they always have, they will have the amount of time they were out of school plus 1 day to complete the makeup work
 - **All work is expected to be completed by the student and returned to the teacher for credit.**
- Students who do not participate during exclusion have an increased risk for experiencing gaps in their education due to missed instruction of grade level material. Students consistently unable to provide work demonstrating academic abilities may be reviewed by the MTSS team for potential interventions or retention.
- Thank you for your continued help and support in ensuring your child's academic success!

PTO:

- Join us for Christmas at the Drive-In right before Winter Break featuring *The Polar Express*!
 - When: Thursday, December 17th at 6:30pm (arrival time 6:00pm)
 - Where: El Rancho Drive In, 555 El Rancho Drive, Sparks
 - Who: Anyone can attend!
 - Cost: \$30 per car including a bonus raffle entry to win a real Lionel Polar Express Train Set! (Value \$99.00)
 - Purchase: <https://brown-family-movie-night.cheddarup.com>

- This fundraiser is limited to 85 cars, so reserve your spot now!!! Refreshments available for purchase on-site or bring your own. Please see the attached flyer!

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Early Release Wednesday at 2:45, and next week.
- There is no early release on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Students will get out at 3:30pm.
- December 17th: Last Day for students before Winter Break
 - End of 2nd Quarter Grading Period
 - PJ Day
 - Holiday Festivities

Sincerely,

Principal Bryan