

Hello Panther Families -

We are in uncertain times with the Coronavirus and are still learning a lot about it. If you would like to learn more, please visit: <https://www.washoeschools.net/covid19>
Virtual Learning begins on Wednesday, April 1 and staff members will be reaching out to you via email, phone calls, Remind, Teams, snail mail, and more to ensure we have constant communication with our students and you. Please visit this site for the digital learning opportunities: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/14430>
For families who do not have internet services, the community has a few ideas to help - please see this list:

o Comcast - [Comcast is offering an internet essentials package for free \(Links to an external site.\)](#). To sign up for a free internet essentials package for 60 days, applicants can simply visit www.internetessentials.com ([Links to an external site.](#)). The accessible website also includes the option to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language. There are also two dedicated phone numbers 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish.

o Spectrum - [Spectrum is offering free internet access for students \(Links to an external site.\)](#). Beginning March 16, Spectrum is offering free internet for 60 days to households with K-12 or college students who don't already have a Spectrum subscription. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395.

o Charter - [Charter is offering free internet for 2 months \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

o AT&T - [AT&T COVID-19 response \(Links to an external site.\)](#). AT&T will offer open hot-spots, unlimited data to existing customers, and \$10/month plans to low-income families

o Verizon - [Verizon \(Links to an external site.\)](#) does have special offers, but is following the FCC agreement.

o Sprint - [Sprint \(Links to an external site.\)](#) is following the FCC agreement, providing unlimited data to existing customers, and, starting Tuesday, 3/17/2020, will allow all handsets to enable hot spots for 60 days at no extra charge.

o T-Mobile - [T-Mobile \(Links to an external site.\)](#) is following the FCC agreement, plus unlimited data to existing customers, and, coming soon, will allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge.

At this time, we are unable to check out student devices to students - I wish we could! We just don't have enough for everyone. If you do not have access to the lessons digitally, that is okay. Paper packets will be delivered on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday via Transportation. You will see school buses at the winter bus stops on these days for about an hour. Students and parents can walk to the bus stop and pick up a grade level packet. Even if you don't ride a bus, you can pick up a packet.

Paper packets are also available at the following locations/times - families can pick up from any of these locations: <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/14392>
Please know our hearts are with you during these challenging times.

If you would like to send your students to a local place for free meals, please visit these two websites to find a location and time nearest you:

<https://fbnn.org/gethelp/neighborhood-pantry/>
<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/14379>