

Extended Learning Opportunity - Week 4

Dear BAS Families,

As promised, our link for our [Week 4](#) Extended Learning Opportunities is now available. As you may recall these Extended Learning Opportunities were in response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order closing all schools through April 13, 2020. The intent of these learnings is to keep students engaged while school is out of session. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a big thank you to our instructional coaches who have worked tirelessly to find and create these opportunities and to our staff who continue to connect with families.

Online Learning Update

Additionally, a new Executive Order was issued by Governor Whitmer this past Thursday, April 2, 2020, suspending face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the school year. School districts will submit their online learning application to the Intermediate School District, Wednesday, April 8, 2020, for approval. District leadership and staff are meeting virtually to plan and learn about online learning. This week, BAS staff is participating in numerous online professional development sessions led by their peers to learn about technology platforms and instructional tools. In addition, staff will be collaborating to determine the essential learnings for the following weeks. Starting the week of April 13, we will be communicating and setting up structures that will identify student and family connection, engagement, and needs, as well as prepare to advance student learning. We know this will look and feel different than what we are all used to, and know that there will be challenges. However, we are committed to doing all that we can to ensure students remain connected to their classrooms and their learning. We continuously strive to meet their social, emotional, and academic needs. To that end, our goals for the remainder of this school year are as follows:

- All students have a predictable space to connect with teachers/class to meet their individual and social-emotional needs.
- All students have opportunities for continued learning that focuses on Essential Learnings and minimizes instructional loss.
- Students and families are given predictable structures and routines to ensure they stay connected to schools and learning.

Technology Distribution Plan

Chromebooks will be distributed from the BECC parking lot on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 8, from 2 to 4 P.M.
- Friday, April 10, from 10 A.M. to noon.

A Chromebook Borrower Care document will be distributed, and families will be asked to sign a loan and use agreement. A reminder telephone notification will be sent on Tuesday, April 7.

Sincerely,

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