

Steger School District 194

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Dear Steger School District 194 Parents and Community Members:

I want to start by thanking all of you for your patience as we face these challenging times together. We are making the very best of everything by doing all we can to support each other. Please continue sharing pictures of you at home learning with your teacher and Steger 194's Facebook page. We love seeing our students well and engaged!

Per Illinois Governor Pritzker's executive order, we will begin Remote Learning Days. The Goal of our Remote Learning Days is based on a quote received from the Illinois State Board of Education Guidelines. "Identify and focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed and engaged in learning." This will be our foundation as we move forward navigating uncertain times.

We have been working on streamlining the resources and activities that we will utilize for our Remote Learning Days. There will be a good flow for students that is easy to follow, and more scheduled activities that students will enjoy. SD 194 teachers will be utilizing three Remote Learning Planning Days.

The upcoming schedule for the next two weeks is as follows:

Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9 - Teacher planning days. No remote learning for students. Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 19 - Spring Break. Enjoy your family time! Keep reading. Monday, April 20 - Teacher planning day. No remote learning for students. Tuesday, April 21 - First Remote Learning Day. New activities posted and new packets available for pick up.

Our Grab and Go breakfasts and lunches will be distributed on the following dates: April 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 30. Food distribution will be done twice a week but will include enough breakfasts and lunches for the entire week.

Our fantastic teachers are creating engaging activities for our students to keep learning at home. Materials will continue to be posted on the SD 194 website under "Home Learning Materials" and paper packets will be handed out at the Administration Center on the same days as food distribution. Teachers will be available and ready to answer any questions you have each day and will also be reaching out to students to make sure they can access information, etc. Staff will be contacting students that are not engaged to provide any additional support that may be needed.

All assignments and report card grades will move to a "PASS" or "INCOMPLETE" for the remainder of the school year per the Illinois State Board of Education. This allows us to provide each student the ability to be successful without the fear of failure during these unprecedented times. We encourage our students to do their best.

Thank you for your support and partnering with us! We truly appreciate how well our community is there for each other.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. Thanks again.

Stay safe and well!

Jan Lenci Director of Teaching and Learning

To ensure all students, staff, and stakeholders learn and grow together as a community