



MEYERSDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Meyersdale Area Elementary School Parents/Guardians:

As the Meyersdale Area School District will be participating in virtual instruction through Friday, January 8, 2021, we would like to share some updated information and reminders to help your child succeed through our Canvas platform.

-These days will be conducted as Virtual Learning Days for all students in grades K through 12. These are NOT days off for students. Unlike in the spring, daily instruction and grading will be occurring.

-Elementary students will use their Chromebooks to log on to Canvas every day to complete lessons and assignments. If students are unable to log on during the school day, they may view the lessons and assignments posted in their Canvas accounts in the evenings. All assignments for each school day are due at midnight that same day. Please contact your child's teacher if you experience any issues submitting work in the evenings. Teachers will respond the following school day.

-Students who do not have internet access can download lessons and upload assignments at the locations listed at the end of this letter. Even if they cannot log on during their class times, the locations allow students to drive up, park outside, and download class videos and other materials for use at home.

-If your child is sick or cannot complete virtual lessons for another excused reason, you must contact the elementary school office at (814) 634-8313 by 10:00 am on the day of the absence. Students who are absent and whose parent/guardian contacts the school, will have until midnight of the following school day to complete those assignments. Students who are not excused and do not log on to Canvas and complete the work assigned during these days, will be counted as absent.

-Assignments will be closed in Canvas and will be marked as a zero, if not completed by these deadlines. Students will not be allowed to make up this work for credit.

-Some teachers may offer live-streamed lessons during the school day. These times and days will be communicated with students through Canvas. These live lessons are optional, and will be provided in addition to the regular lesson format for the day.

-All homeroom teachers will begin offering a twice-weekly scheduled meeting time starting during the week of December 7th. This time will be used for students to communicate with their classmates and teachers, and to ask any questions they have about the day's lessons. These meetings are also optional, but will be beneficial to students.

-Students should complete core subject lessons and assignments first (math, reading, science, language arts). Specials classes have lessons available for each day, but these are optional. There are no graded assignments for specials classes.

-While students are logged in to Canvas and are using their district-assigned Chromebooks, teachers and administrators are able to see which students are logged in, how long they are logged in, and which assignments and other websites they are viewing.

-Please know there can be temporary glitches when working with Canvas and Kami. Please try to refresh the screen or check back a little later that day. The district will communicate with families only when there is an extended technology issue.

We understand that virtual learning is new for most students and families and that there are occasional circumstances that make this process difficult. Please communicate with the school as soon as there is an issue, so that we can resolve it quickly, in order for your child/ren to continue with virtual lessons.

If you have questions, please call the elementary school office at (814) 634-8313.

Thank you,



Mr. Devin Pritts
Principal

District Information

- For updates and additional information, please regularly check Meyersdale Area School District's Facebook page, Twitter account, or website at www.masd.net.
- During the school closure, students can order meals by filling out a meal pick-up form on the District website or by calling 814-634-5123 ext. 307 from 7:00 am - 9:00 am on weekday mornings. Meals will be available at the following locations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays:

• Meyersdale Fire Hall	11:15am–11:45am
• Garrett Fire Hall	11:15am–11:45am
• Wellersburg Fire Hall	11:30am-12:00pm
• Kennells Mill Apostolic Church	12:15pm-12:45pm
• Greenville Lutheran Church	11:20am-11:50am
• Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church	11:15am-11:45am
• MASD Dock (by tennis and basketball courts)	11:30am-12:00pm



- Students may access the internet at the following locations:

- MASD hotspot at Wellersburg Volunteer Fire Department
- Meyersdale Public Library
- PA Maple Festival Park (Space is available inside our Craft Building and will be accessible Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please stop by the Festival Office to sign in. If you have any questions, please call 814-634-0213 or email pamaple@verizon.net)
- Other local businesses with free Wifi

