March 29, 2020

Greetings K8 Families:

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback on our Remote Learning initiative! This update will provide you with information on our Remote Learning efforts and the end of Quarter 3.

Remote Learning Update

Our first week of Remote Learning with pre-recorded instruction and live drop in help had many successes! We also gained some feedback that is informing some changes for this upcoming week.

We have moved our Learning Commons Virtual Instruction for grades K-6 to Tuesday. There will no longer be any assignments for Physical Education that need to be turned in. Alternatively, there will be Independent Learning Activities available daily so we can keep our bodies moving. We hope this adjustment will lighten the load of the Wednesday specialty classes. You can find this adjusted schedule on our Remote Learning webpage and linked here.

Please continue to focus on the Virtual Instruction plans as the priority. Students should watch the pre-recorded instruction and complete the practice activities prior to submitting their assignment. The lessons are designed for students to gain the information needed during the pre-recorded instruction and practice activities so that they can successfully complete the assignment. Please be sure to review the plans and participate in the instruction prior to emailing the teacher with questions.

There are also Independent Learning activities provided for each day to serve as additional practice opportunities. These activities do not have any assignments to hand in. Please work on these based on your family needs and after the completion of the Virtual Instruction assignments.

Our live drop-in help is a great way for students to ask questions and touch base with their teacher. While teachers are happy to see each student, the goal is to use this as a place to ask questions and receive additional guidance. After a 15 minute period with a student not asking a question related to the school work, teachers will be letting students know they should leave the drop in help so that others can gain the help of the teacher as well.

There are activities posted for Monday through Friday of this week with assignments that should be submitted. Any assignments can be submitted early, and we are accepting late submissions to meet the needs of all of our families. As a fun optional activity, we have also put together a virtual spirit week. More information about spirit week can be found in the attached flyer. If you participate, feel free to tag us @nfcsbulldogs in photos of you participating!
Next week is Spring Break, so there will not be any assignments due. During this time, I encourage you to revisit any Independent Learning Activities and visit our Remote Learning webpage http://www.nfcsonline.org/homepage/remotelearning/ for lots of great resources to keep your family’s mind and body moving.

On Friday, April 3rd, we will be making a determination about further closure past April 13th. Please look out for further information at the end of the week.

**End of Quarter 3**
This week marked the end of Quarter 3. Our Report Card Conferences were scheduled for this upcoming week. In lieu of providing Q3 report cards, we are asking all families to log onto their Powerschool account starting on Wednesday to view Quarter 3 grades. These grades reflect only assignments that were completed before the start of our Remote Learning initiative. All Remote Learning assignments will be included in Quarter 4 grades. As a result of having less instruction then planned in Quarter 3, there may be less assessments included in the grade.

Individual Teachers will be in touch with families to set up a virtual or phone conference if needed.

If for any reason you do require a printable report card, please reach out to Ms. Terry at tszymkowski@nfcs.k12.pa.us.

Thank you again for being our partner in this new initiative! We look forward to your continued feedback as we continue. Please use the school as a resource, and if you need help for any reason, please fill out this Help Ticket Form.

Have a restful and healthy week! I will be in touch with further updates later this week.

Take care,

Ms. Woolf Cohen