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# Spirit Lake Middle School

UPDATE 4/2/2020

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Spirit Lake Middle School families and friends,

With the recommendation by Governor Reynolds today to keep Iowa schools closed until at least April 30th, I wanted to share information about the process of learning from the middle school. The following information will provide you with an overview of information and plans the middle school will implement in the coming days and weeks. Staff will continue to provide you with updates throughout the school closure. Over the course of the school closure, teachers will be accessible and available to support students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s).

Even through difficult times, there will be opportunities for learning and growth. Our staff is committed to making the most of the situation and ensuring our students stay connected to school. Spirit Lake Schools will rise above because of everyone's commitment to the learning process - students, parents, staff, administrators, and community members. Together, we will support one another, stay positive, be resilient and make progress throughout this time.



In Education,

*Terry Bruinsma*

Spirit Lake Middle School Principal

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## Middle School Students and Families

- Students will have access to all teachers (via dedicated availability hours) from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Monday-Friday.
- Teacher directed lessons, activities, and enrichment resources will now be housed in one centralized location. Please click the following link to find this website location.
  - <https://sites.google.com/a/spirit-lake.k12.ia.us/slmsresources/>
  - Staff members will be releasing new lessons on scheduled days throughout the week. The schedule will be as follows:
    - Mondays and Wednesdays - Reading, Math, Art, Music, and PE
    - Tuesdays and Thursdays - Science, Soc. St., Guidance, 21st Century Skills, and Spanish
- Scheduling for 2020-21 classes has begun for students entering high school next year.
- If needed, students in grades K-6 have the opportunity to pick up a device on Monday, April 6th from 7am-9 am and also 5 pm-7 pm from the middle school cafeteria on the south side of the building. Students will be issued these devices for the remainder of the online learning period. See technology section below for more information.

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- Qualified Free/Reduced student meals will continue until April 30th.

## Technology

- If needed, students in grades K-6 have the opportunity to pick up a device on Monday, April 6th from 7am -9am and also 5pm -7pm from the middle school cafeteria on the south side of the building. Students will be issued these devices for the remainder of the online learning period. Device distribution is for students in K-6 who currently do not have access to technology at home that supports Google Chrome (i.e., iPad, laptop, PC, tablet, etc.) We ask if you have technology available at home, please do not pick up a device. This policy ensures those without access will get connected for the remainder of the school year.
- Students or families needing contacts of providers offering discounted services or free WiFi locations in the area, please contact Ryan Friederich: [rfriederich@spiritlakecsd.org](mailto:rfriederich@spiritlakecsd.org).
- Please utilize this form: [Device Repair Form](#) if a school device needs to be repaired.

## Teachers and Support Staff

- All teachers & staff will continue to be paid throughout the remainder of the school year.
- Teachers and designated support staff will hold daily (Monday - Friday) dedicated availability hours (9 AM - 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM) to assist students and parents with the educational opportunities teachers are presenting to students/families.
- Teachers will continue to support our students in ANY WAY POSSIBLE!
- Teachers are being asked to realign their focus by offering the best opportunities available for the remainder of this year and preparing for next year, considering the circumstances. We need to plan for this in future.

## Miscellaneous

- We will assist the YMCA with COMMUNITY daycare needs if applicable.
- The entire school district campus (all buildings/facilities) will remain closed to EVERYONE until further notice. Only essential personnel, as deemed by the Superintendent, will be allowed into the facilities.
- Please direct all communications/questions to: [districtoffice@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us](mailto:districtoffice@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us)
- Please continue to follow recommendations & directives from [Governor Reynolds](#), [CDC](#), [Iowa Department of Public Health](#), and [Iowa Department of Education](#).