

# HARRINGTON PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Evening Families,

Let me start by saying thank you for helping us successfully kick off our Virtual School. Your patience is much appreciated as we work out our process to keep our learning moving forward. Some of the on-line experiences may have been on the easier side on these first few days, as we wanted all students and teachers to get used to the new environment before any sophisticated or more complex learning platforms were implemented. Our goal is to keep pace with the curriculum for all grade levels in the District. Never before in our history as educators have we been tasked with such a challenging new reality. As a community, we all care deeply about the children of Harrington Park and their education.

Over the past two weeks, the district has been working very hard to enhance your children's virtual education. While the idea of online instruction or blended learning is not new to our instructional team, moving instruction fully online is a journey that we will all navigate together. Never in the history of education has a district had to move an entire brick and mortar school into a digital platform in a matter of days. You should know that the staff has been working tremendously hard over these last few weeks so that we can deliver both **Interactive** and **Pre-established** lessons beginning week 3 of this pandemic. Although we have made significant progress, we are working around the clock to be sure we are providing the best learning experience and ask for your continued commitment to HP as this model will continue to evolve as we face this ongoing challenge. To accomplish this, we are utilizing and expanding our Google (G-Suite) learning platform and evaluating other digital tools that might be appropriate for each grade level and content area. To ensure staff feels comfortable with these programs, we will be providing staff with a Professional Development day on Monday, March 30th, in which they will be implementing some of the newest concepts in digital learning. Students will not be required to log in on the 30th, as they will be off. I would also like to share with you that this week Google released [Teach from Home](#), which is a great resource for both staff and family members.

As per Governor Murphy, all schools are closed indefinitely. We will continue our Virtual Learning this week and March 31st to April 3rd. We will be observing the Spring Recess, which is scheduled for the week of April 6th. We will resume our virtual classes on April 13th.

Thank you again for all of your support during this challenging time. I am so proud of our community of teachers, students, families and community members. You have shown that Leading the Way is not just a saying but also a belief in HP and the mission it stands for. Until we are all together again, be safe, hug your family and know how proud I am of all of you! We are all Spartans!

Best,  
Dr. Adam D. Fried

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