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Dear Black Rock School Parents and Guardians,

This has certainly been an exceptional year for our students, families, and staff! I am so proud of our school community as we have adjusted to safety protocols while still maintaining a steadfast focus on learning. This pandemic has certainly been difficult, however it has provided an opportunity for our school, district, and community to shine!

I write this letter to give you information regarding unplanned school closures. Specifically, there are two scenarios where school may close resulting in remote learning at home:

1. When in-person school is cancelled due to inclement weather, classes will still be held remotely using the “synchronous distance learning” model.
2. When in-person school is cancelled due to any COVID-related reason, infections, contact tracing, etc., classes will still be held remotely using the “synchronous distance learning” model.

When these days occur and we need to “go remote”, the synchronous school day will be 8:30am-3:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. As we are already doing, Wednesdays will be a shortened remote learning day, beginning at 8:15am and ending at 11:50am. A large portion of this synchronous day will be “live”, where teachers and students are interacting via the computer, however there will be breaks and independent activities to be completed as well. **This will go into effect for unplanned school closings beginning on 11/16/20.**

We have created schedules at each grade level (k-3) for remote learning. We have taken into account the learning and attention capacity for students at each grade level. Please see the schedules below by grade level:

Kindergarten:

8:30-8:50am	Morning Meeting
8:50-9:45am	Foundations/Reading/Writing
9:45-10:30am	Mathematics
10:30-11:00am	Snack and Movement Break
11:00-11:30am	Language Arts (Independent Work)
11:30am-12:00pm	Clever/My Path
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch and Movement Break
1:00-2:00pm	Raz Kids
2:00-3:00pm	Related Arts Classes (Music/Art/Phys. Ed./Library Media)

First Grade:
8:30-9:00am Morning Routine
9:00-9:45am Language Arts
9:45-10:00am Snack
10:00-10:45am Writing
10:45-11:00am Brain Break
11:00am-12:00pm Math
12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Movement Break
1:00-2:00pm Adaptive Learning/Independent Work
2:00-3:00pm Related Arts Classes (Music/Art/Phys. Ed./Library Media)

Second Grade:
8:30-9:00am Morning Routine
9:00-9:45am Language Arts-Fundations
9:45-10:00am Snack
10:00-10:45am Reading/Writing
10:45-11:00am Brain Break
11:00am-12:00pm Mathematics
12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Movement Break
1:00-2:00pm Adaptive Learning/Independent Work
2:00-3:00pm Related Arts Classes (Music/Art/Phys. Ed./Library Media)

Third Grade:
8:30-9:00am Morning Routine
9:00-9:45am Mathematics
9:45-10:00am Snack
10:00-10:45am Science/Social Studies
10:45-11:00am Brain Break
11:00am-12:00pm Language Arts
12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Movement Break
1:00-2:00pm Adaptive Learning/Independent Work
2:00-3:00pm Related Arts Classes (Music/Art/Phys. Ed./Library Media)

As you can see, our grade-level teams have worked to ensure consistency to help families with multiple children in our school. For more specific information on schedules for unplanned remote learning days, please contact your child's teacher.

Please know that this letter is only provided in an effort to help you plan ahead for the potential of unexpected school closures for in-person learning. If you have general questions regarding this plan, please contact the main office. If you have specific questions regarding your child's classroom or remote learning expectations, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support of our amazing staff here at Black Rock School!

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kozlak, Principal

