



April 1, 2020

Elmbrook Families,

Thank you to our students and families for your work thus far in our virtual learning environment. Your engagement and support has been tremendous. There are several key District updates included in this week's message.

Learning Schedule for the Next 10 Days

Following a full week of classes this week (Mar 30 - Apr 3), we will follow our School Board-approved calendar next week which includes two days off for students.

- Monday, April 6th - Virtual Learning Day
- **Tuesday, April 7th - NO SCHOOL** - Originally scheduled as a teacher records day and to allow for voting in some of our elementary schools, this day will be used as a grading/records day as well as a day for some of our staff to transition to new, 4th Term courses
- Wednesday, April 8th - Virtual Learning Day
- Thursday, April 9th - Virtual Learning Day
- **Friday, April 10th - NO SCHOOL** - this is a no school day for staff and students. Lunches will still be provided to families on this day.
- Monday, April 13th - Virtual Learning Resumes

Virtual Learning Timeline

We will continue to follow state and federal guidance on our virtual learning schedule. Currently, the Governor has issued a 'Safer at Home' order through April 24. The President has issued social distancing guidelines that extend through April 30. We will continue to follow the direction of state and federal officials as we determine our virtual learning timeline and any possible return to our schools.

Free Lunch Option for All Students

Beginning this week (March 30), Elmbrook Schools is offering all children in our community ages 2-18 the option of a free, bagged lunch meal for the duration of Virtual Learning, regardless of school attendance area, grade level, or income eligibility. This option is offered as part of the Federal Summer Meals Program, which has been extended to the school year in order to support all families in need. Please visit our [Meals for Students page](#) for sign-up and site pickup information.

Blood Drive

A blood drive was held at Brookfield East last Thursday and yielded 100 pints of blood from donors that filled all slots in 3 hours! Thank you! Because the need persists, two more drives have been scheduled and we ask our families and staff to consider donating. More information about each event, as well as the safety procedures used to insure everyone's health and welfare, can be found using the links below.

- April 7, Dixon Elementary [Blood Drive](#)
- April 15, Brookfield East High School [Blood Drive](#)

Brookfield Elections Consolidated to one Poll Location

The State of Wisconsin continues to move forward with voting on April 7th. Thursday (Apr 2) is the deadline to request your absentee ballot. Please note that due to the Coronavirus pandemic and a shortage of poll workers, the City of Brookfield has consolidated all polling locations to one location at the Brookfield Conference Center, located just south of Brookfield Square Mall at 325 South Moorland Road. For more information, visit the City's [website](#).

WI Forward Testing Requirement Waived for 2020

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction was granted a waiver from all federal testing, accountability, and report card requirements. As a result, we will not need to deploy the Wisconsin Forward test this spring to our students.

Technology Support

There are two support options available to troubleshoot and/or replace your student's Chromebook.

1. Create a helpdesk ticket using the [Student Chromebook Portal](#). Enter either your email address or your student's Elmbrook email address to create a ticket. Families are encouraged to enter a phone number so a technology team member can contact you directly. Tickets will be monitored closely and families can expect a prompt follow-up.
2. Families may also receive support by contacting the Chromebook Support Hotline at 262-229-9789. If a staff member doesn't answer please leave appropriate follow-up information so your call can be returned.

SORA (formerly Overdrive) for eBooks or AudioBooks

Our district ebook and audiobook collection, **Sora**, consists of over 12,000 copies for all readers - preschool to adult. To access these books from a district chromebook:

1. Visit elmbrookschoools.org
2. Click on MYELMBROOK in the upper right corner of the page and enter your district login and password.
3. Select SORA

To access SORA using a different device (iPad, smartphone) follow these [directions](#).

Can't find the book you are looking for? Any student or staff member can request an ebook using this [form](#). Requests are filled typically in 24 hours or less.

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