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To All Connected to Liberty Union-Thurston Schools,

Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools will be on Spring Break from Friday, April 10th through Tuesday, April 14th. There should be no due dates on student work, teachers and staff may be slower to respond to requests, and we encourage all students, parents, and community members to disconnect from their computers and enjoy time with each other while remaining safe and healthy. The next update is planned for Wednesday, April 15th.

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USE OF CHROMEBOOKS - **NEW**

All of the staff at Liberty Union Schools are extremely proud of the effort and perseverance that our students are showing during this challenging time. Our online monitoring system has alerted us that students are using their Chromebooks for recreational learning activities, such as accessing math or reading practice websites like Prodigy or GoodReads. While these activities are educational, we ask that parents are monitoring that the students are completing the teacher assigned work prior to these other educational activities. We thank you in advance for helping our students keep on track with school assigned learning experiences.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Liberty Union-Thurston Local School Board will convene for its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 13th at 7:00 P.M. In order to abide by the "stay at home" order from Governor Mike DeWine, the meeting will be live streamed for the public. To view the meeting in progress, please use this link at 7:00 P.M. on Monday the 13th <https://youtu.be/yZz9Gb98I10>

WIFI IN SCHOOL PARKING LOTS

Beginning April 15th, wifi access will be available to students at each school building parking lot. Please practice social distancing parameters while in the parking lots as this is not a reason for groups of students to congregate. Students can utilize their school issued Chromebooks and access the student wifi.

FOOD SERVICE

This is a reminder that food service is available for all children under the age of 18. Everyone is eligible; there is no need to complete an application, or qualify for free and reduced lunches to receive this food. Please contact Jan Friedrich by email at jan.friedrich@libertyunion.org or 614-579-8807 to provide the number of children under 18 in your household.

A weekly allocation of meals will be ready for curbside pick every MONDAY from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. behind the middle school building. There is also a Thurston pick up location from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Even though we are on Spring Break on Monday the 13th, we will STILL have weekly food pick up this day.

The district will not be responsible for monitoring food allergies during this time. However, if your child has a severe allergy to peanut butter, please let us know, as we will routinely be using Uncrustables.

PARENT RESOURCES

- Each week all parents will receive an email from our school counselors with resources that might be helpful during this extended distance learning time period.
- Three emails have been sent out as of this date. If you did not get the emailed resources, please email jennifer.blackstone@libertyunion.org so that she can add your name to the parent list.
- The topics for this week were 1. Dealing with Disappointment, Uncertainty, or Lack of Answers, and 2. Spring Break

SIXTH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP

The Liberty Union Middle School Sixth Grade Outdoor Education trip has been officially postponed. The new dates for the trip are this fall, September 2nd through the 4th.

UPCOMING INFORMATION

The Liberty Union Administrative Team meets each Monday to discuss the on-going COVID-19 school closure situation. Current topics of discussion are: Fourth quarter grading policies and grade promotion and the re-scheduling of key events such as Graduation and Prom. If you have specific questions that you would like the Administrative Team to address and communicate using these updates, please send an email to jennifer.blackstone@libertyunion.org

PREVIOUS DAILY UPDATES

The daily updates from previous days dating back to March 16th can be found on this link: <http://www.libertyunion.org/COVID-19Information.aspx>

Sincerely,

Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District

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