

Manvel Public School

Inspiring 21st Century Learners to Influence 22nd Century Successes



March 19, 2020

Dear Manvel School Families,

As directed by Governor Burgum, Manvel School will be closed until the end of March. At which point we will begin offering alternative educational opportunities to our students.

Manvel Public School is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff during this uncertain time. With the recent mandatory school closings related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) in North Dakota, we want to update our families and tell you about what we're doing to minimize risks of infection.

We have taken action to deep clean the school. If you have not had a chance to pick up your child's belongings, please call the school office to arrange a time to stop in as soon as possible. We are asking all families to please wash and disinfect your child's belongings. Let us know if your child will need a Chromebook for grades 4-8. If your child is in grades PK-3 please be sure to pick up their educational packet in the office. Additionally, plan to pick up your child's band instrument so that you may clean and disinfect it.

All Manvel Teachers have been working diligently to put together 10 days of *Educational Learning Opportunities for all of our students*. Please communicate with your child's teacher regarding learning via REMIND or email. All staff emails can be found on our school website at <https://www.manvel.k12.nd.us/>

We are working to arrange times in which teachers will be available for parents and students to ask questions via email.

There are many student resources and learning opportunities also posted to our school's Facebook page regularly. Search *Manvel Mustangs* and "Like" our page to access these fun resources. We will also send important updates via the REMIND app. If you are not subscribed to REMIND, you can find the directions on our school website under the *Parents* tab at

<https://www.manvel.k12.nd.us/cms/lib/ND02221972/Centricity/Domain/8/MPS%20Remind%20App%20for%20Parents%20copy.pdf>

Free lunch and breakfast meals will continue for the rest of March. Meals will be provided, upon request, to any households within our community with children under the age of 18. We will continue to provide meals for those of you that are signed up at this time. If you would like to be added to our list please call the office at 701-696-2212.

The third quarter ended last week. Teachers are working on report cards and they will be sent home soon. We were to begin the North Dakota State Assessment in March for grades 3-8. This test is mandated by the Department of Education each year. North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has submitted a waiver for North Dakota students to be

exempt from taking the state test this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are waiting to hear back about the decision. Once we do, we will let you know.

The end of the school year will look much different than usual. Many of our activities and events will be postponed until further notice. During this situation, we ask that you continue to remain calm, enjoy this time at home with your children and give each other grace and care as we practice social distancing across the country in order to keep us all healthy and safe. We will continue to work with state and local agencies on a daily basis to receive updates and guidance.

Sincerely,

Matt Bakke & Melissa Hiltner