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9/4/2020

Dear Hatfield families,

We have completed a first week of school unlike any other. We did it together and I am proud of the perseverance and patience of staff, students and parents/guardians. As we continue on the journey of virtual learning together on Tuesday, Sept. 8 (remember, students have off on Friday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 7), please continue to remain positive and recognize that we are learning together.

With that, communication is key. Know that our staff at Hatfield is here to help. We're available to answer your questions and provide guidance. Know that each week will bring new challenges and enhanced expectations. More rigor can be expected; however, we will continue to build our virtual learning foundation and subsequent expectations next week alongside students. If Internet connectivity is a concern, please reach out to me as soon as possible!

Yes, some days will be long, but we will work to continually build up the stamina of our Hawks. In generating strong habits, Canvas and other online tools will become easier to navigate. When the day concludes, we recommend that children both play and relax. As of right now, while in the virtual setting, we will not be assigning homework to our students. Instead, encourage your kiddo to read for fun on a regular basis.

Please keep Thursday, Sept. 17 on your calendar from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a virtual back to Back to School Night. We will hold an introductory session for parents to meet with our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Bainbridge; one of our nurses, Mrs. Brady; new School Climate Coordinator, Mr. Huebner, and myself from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The first teacher session will be from 7:00-7:25 p.m., followed by a five-minute transition. The second session for teachers will be held from 7:30-7:55 p.m. For those unable to attend, at least one of the teacher presentations will be recorded. Please anticipate virtual meeting links being distributed next week via e-mail, in addition to them being made available on teachers' Canvas pages.

All families should complete an application for free-or-reduced lunch here: [School Cafe](#). Please refer here for a list of School Nutrition Services updates: [SNS 2020-21 Changes](#). For additional information, please click here: [North Penn SNS Website](#). Know that the new pick-up schedule for meals is as follows: Tuesday Sept. 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.; in addition to Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Lastly, our Home & School (H&S) will hold its first fund-raiser of the year all day on Friday, Sept. 18 at Mom's Water Ice in Hatfield.

Please enjoy the extended holiday weekend with family and remain socially-distant. The closer we adhere to these guidelines as a community, the sooner we can welcome children back to Hatfield.

Keep soaring above and beyond,

Mr. Wes Heinel

Principal