

TO: WISD parents-guardians-students
FROM: Staff and Administration
RE: ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PLAN (week 4)
DATE: April 14, 2020

“Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A ***'you can do it'*** when things are tough.” -Richard M. DeVos

This quote echoes the message the WISD staff and administration wants to communicate with all of our school families and their children. We understand this alternative learning time is challenging for everyone, on many levels. Yet, we are also aware of the how this different type of teaching and learning can be exciting, as well. We moved from a brick and mortar education model, to that of a remote, virtual and/or alternative learning model in less than four weeks. Such a turnaround is unprecedented in the history of public education. It also gives us a chance to reiterate that not only can YOU do it, but WE can do it, because we are not alone in this new educational model.

With that in mind, we wanted to share with you this week, some updated information, as well as resources that we hope that you will find useful and helpful.

- Sue has been putting out cartons of literature (books) that HS, MS and Elementary families can access in the front of the school. She would ask that you contact her, or Zuzka directly, so that these can be made available for you to check out.
- Zuzka is working remotely at this time. She also comes in to the building on a limited basis. She encourages you to reach out to her by email, text or phone should you have any needs, wants, concerns or questions.
- Google hangout-meeting and Zoom are being utilized to work with students individually, as well as in learning groups.
- 3rd quarter grades have been mailed out to families. Please contact the office, if you have not received this information. The district is working to provide the essential learning standards for all of our students. Our students have received three solid quarters of academic instruction. This foundation is proving tantamount in assisting the teaching staff to deliver education services during this 4th quarter.
- Please take some time to look around the WISD web page. We are pleased to announce a new resource for communicating schedules and providing a single source for information and links to Alternative Learning resources for Washington Island School District. We have created an Alternative Learning Page, with sub-pages for each school (Elementary, Middle and High School). On the main page there will be a list of today's and events, and a calendar of events that you can use to help organize your student's activities.
- There are a number of important videos that have been posted on the district webpage. They have been created by Mike McGowan. His most recent, which has been aimed at 3-12th graders, has been added by Tom Nikolai. Please share it with your children.

- The Door County Department of Health & Human Services has indicated that their main phone line is available for individuals considering supportive services, information or advice: 920-746-7155. Their updated resource letter has also been posted on the school district web page, with more details.
- Various sports networks, teams and agencies have taken up this recent educational challenge and have offered opportunities for families to utilize. These are listed on the school district webpage, too.

Thank you for your continued patience and support of the alternative learning plan during this time. Again, we encourage you to reach out to any teachers and administrators should you have concerns, questions or needs. We are here to serve all of the WISD families. Take care and be well.