

**TO:** WISD parents-guardians-students  
**FROM:** Staff and Administration  
**RE:** ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PLAN (week 5)  
**DATE:** April 20, 2020

**“Most big transformations come about from the hundreds of tiny, almost imperceptible, steps we take along the way.” -Lori Gottlieb**

The Washington Island School District is working diligently to support our school community; its students, staff and families. We have committed to providing educational services that are in keeping with this current alternative learning-remote-virtual learning plan. The WISD website is updated regularly, with a plethora of information, resources, teacher schedules and office hours to assist parent and students in organizing their learning days.

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Week. The WISD staff and administration has offered up some unique and interesting activities and ideas for families to participate in while transforming their [own] yards and personal property, both on island and remotely. There is a separate letter that will be sent to all families regarding this information

FRIDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 pm, the staff are asking for island families to “unplug.” We are suggesting that everyone slides away from, or puts away all of their electronics, and ‘...get out and interact with Mother Nature by collecting trash around your island property at the end of this week.’ If you choose not to *transform* your yard or property, just unplug and enjoy the spring afternoon.

Staff are in the process of making and sharing videos to connect with their students. These will be announced as they will be collected, as well as posted to the district website.

There was a public announcement by the Governor’s Office that was provided to all Wisconsin School Districts that mandated school district buildings will all be closed to face-to-face learning through the end of this 2020-21 school year. This includes the shelter in place order that has been extended to May 26<sup>th</sup>.

This information has also been posted to the web site. The WISD will continue to provide its students an alternative education in a remote-virtual manner throughout this time. We are dedicated to providing our students the essential learning standards that they will need to complete the fourth quarter of this school year.

The United Way of Door County has offered more information regarding a Creative Stride program. There is more detailed information on the school district webpage. Here is the most recent link to it: “As you know Jodi Gonzales of Creative Stride is in the process of creating art therapy videos to get out to the community to help during this pandemic.” Here is the link to the first video:

[https://youtu.be/Q69jX5r\\_HIQ](https://youtu.be/Q69jX5r_HIQ)

**Again, we are grateful for your support and your patience during this new learning time. We understand that it can be frustrating and often times, challenging. Yet we also know that you can reach out to any one of us to answer questions, get information and clarification, as well as voice your concerns. Just call or email us. Thank you. Stay well and be safe.**