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Dear Families,

In light of the metrics that the state has required for our school district to provide in-person instruction, we will start the year with comprehensive distance learning. In the spring, we had to act fast, and each district rolled out an emergency distance learning plan, that was less than ideal. Pendleton School District knows that a more comprehensive distance learning model is necessary to meet student and family needs. This is the goal of every educator and the Pendleton School District: Every Student Every Day!

Comprehensive Learning Plan:

- Kindergarten through fifth grade students will receive Teacher Facilitated Learning and Applied Learning, Monday through Friday.
 - Teacher Facilitated Learning means live, on-line instruction provided by the classroom teacher, around core content areas. Teacher Facilitated Learning will also be recorded and accessible to students/families outside of the “live” time.
 - Applied Learning means activities and experiences that students will complete outside of the Teacher Facilitated Learning time.

- Elementary students will be assigned either an a.m. or p.m. Teacher Facilitated Learning session
 - AM Session 8:00-10:30a.m
 - PM Session 12:45-3:15p.m.
- Applied Learning will be assigned under the guidance of the classroom teacher and will occur outside of Teacher Facilitated Learning
- Teachers will be accessible to students and families via phone or email during the following times:
 - 7:45-8:00a.m.
 - 10:30a.m.-12:45p.m.
 - 3:15-3:30p.m.

Rationale:

- Teacher Facilitated Learning will focus on core concepts, and allow for live conversations between the teacher and student and student to student
- Offering an a.m. and p.m. Teacher Facilitated Learning session allows for:
 - fewer students in each online Teacher Facilitated Learning session
 - more individualized academic support and small break out sessions based on student needs
 - more individualized student academic conversation and responses



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- students to receive instruction from the general education teacher and an alternate time for students to connect with support staff (Classified staff or Special Education teacher)
- more flexibility in scheduling for families
- preparing students, families and staff for moving into Phase 2 (returning to the school building) when allowed

September 1 - September 4: Soft Start: this will consist of students coming to the school to meet staff, check-out technology, books, workbooks, etc.

September 8: Comprehensive Distance Learning begins

We all share a strong passion for children, education and our community, and we are excited to connect with our families again. We have an amazing team of educators and we are committed to serving our students and families. We are available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the upcoming school year. Our buildings will be open beginning Thursday, August 6th 7:45a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Sincerely,

Lori Hale

Lori Hale
Principal
Pendleton Early Learning Center