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Frequently Asked Questions Updated 3/18/2020

New Information

Distance Learning Monday March 23, 2020- April 3, 2020

Today, Governor Raimondo issued a directive that all public schools in Rhode Island would implement distance learning beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. BWRSD staff have been working to develop the structure of a distance learning program, individual teachers have worked to create lessons, and our administrators and support staff have worked to distribute chromebooks to elementary students.

Beginning Monday March 23, 2020 all students should start their school day at 9 a.m. Teachers will take attendance each day between 8:30am-10:00am and identify those students who have not signed on to SeeSaw or Google Classroom. If children are unable to sign in at this time but will be participating in learning that day, families can contact the school secretary. These daily online lessons are intended to maintain our core instructional program and we believe will engage our students in new and interesting ways.

To ensure that all students and families have consistent communication with BWRSD staff, we have developed a three pronged communication process for students and families. All students will work daily with teachers in an interactive manner. Many of our teachers are experienced users of instructional technology and will provide engaging interactive lessons. Additionally, teacher assistants will contact students at least once per week, via district gmail accounts. Lastly, certified specialists including special educators, school counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and speech language pathologists will connect with students who are on their caseload, via email. This three step process, coupled with daily attendance, will provide BWRSD with clear information on students and families who are not consistently engaging in distance learning so that we can increase outreach to them.

Chromebooks and Free Wifi:

All students in grades 6-12 have been assigned chromebooks to take home and use daily, starting March 23, 2020. Elementary students will also access lessons through technology, either through a device from home or one that is borrowed from their school. Elementary schools have a limited number of chromebooks that can be borrowed, if needed. We are holding a second distribution time for those who do not have an internet accessible device to use or for those who could not make it to the schools earlier this week to borrow one from BWRSD. **Second session hours of distribution for loaner chromebooks: Thursday 3/19/2020 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** After this session, please speak with your student's principal about use of a loaner chromebook if you have no other internet accessible device; phone, video game system, ipad, desktop, or laptop in your home.

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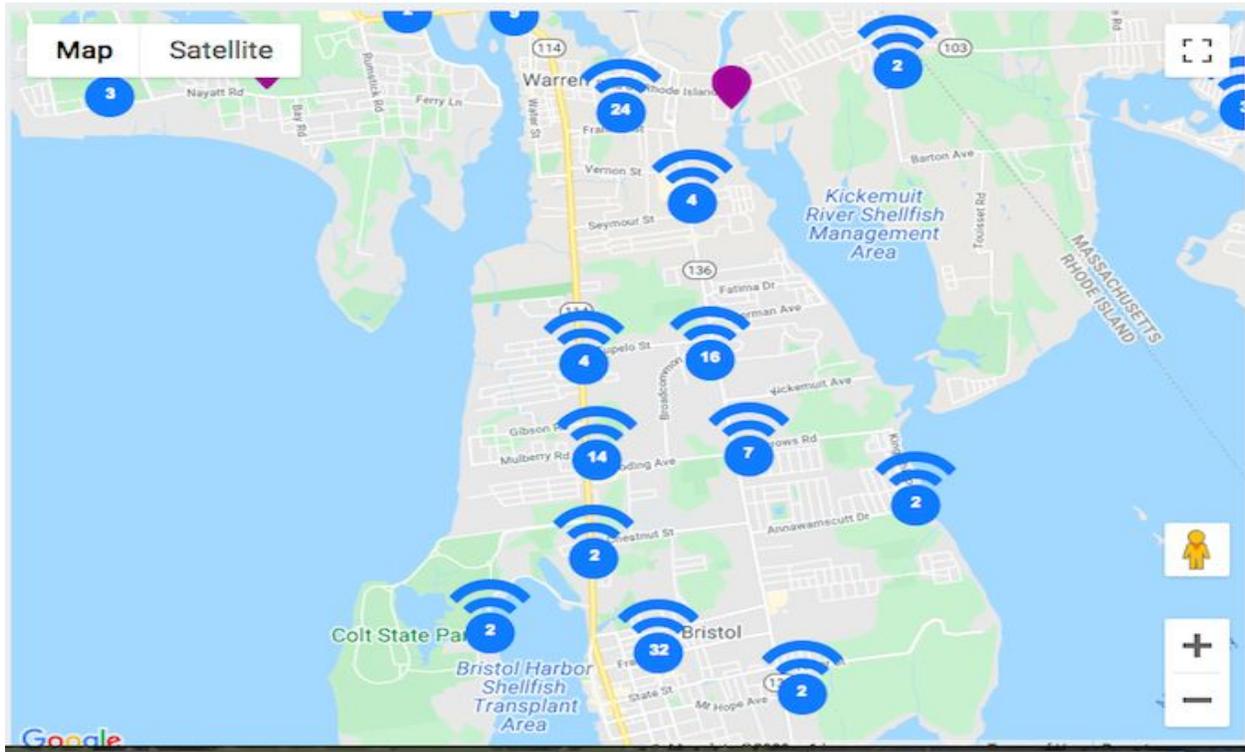
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Chromebooks need access to your home purchased internet service or access to free wifi services. Below is a map of free wifi in the community:

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/learn/cox-hotspots.html>



Additionally, students that have video game systems such as Playstation and Xbox1 can utilize the web browser on many popular gaming systems to access their school work on the Chrome web browser.

*****Previously Provided Information*****

From the BWRSD Community Update 3.17.20

Distance Learning for Students:

BWRSD teachers and administrators have worked to develop distance learning opportunities for students, if necessary, starting March 23, 2020. Distance learning will operate from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Each school principal will provide specific information about the daily schedule and activities for teaching and learning and post the schedule on their school website.

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Primary methods of teaching and learning during distance learning will be utilizing online resources. If parents do not have access to online resources please request a chromebook from your child's school. K-2 students and teachers will use SeeSaw while grade 3-12 students and teachers will utilize google classroom. Distance Learning may support increased student engagement and personalized learning.

Teachers are asked to post their lessons each day by 9 a.m.

School counselors, psychologists, social workers, and speech language pathologists are asked to reach out to students on their caseload, each week, to maintain support and services. This outreach will typically occur based on the student schedule with every intent to not distract from teaching and learning.

Online Tech support for students and families:

As we transition to Distance Learning, we need to ensure that basic questions and concerns about accessibility are answered. To that end we have established an email account for such questions and concerns: BWRSDtech@bwrsd.org. The email account is accessible 24 hours per day, and you can expect a response within 1 school day.

Grab and Go Meals:

Grab and Go meals will be offered Monday through Friday, beginning March 17, 2020, for any child age eighteen (18) or younger. **All meals will be free of charge.**

Pick Up Times:

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Locations:

1. Colt Andrews School, 570 Hope Street, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809
2. Kickemuit Middle School, 525 Child Street, Warren, Rhode Island 02885
3. Hope & Main, 691 Main Street, Warren, Rhode Island 02885

If you have food allergies or concerns regarding access to meals, please call (401) 253-1452.