



Dear Kinnikinnick families,

First, I want to thank all of our staff, students, parents and caregivers for doing a great job implementing the e-Learning Plan yesterday. This is an unprecedented time in our community and across the country and I am proud to work in a school district where we can continue to provide meaningful learning opportunities for our students.

On Monday March 16th, we closed school as a precautionary measure and put in place a Teacher Institute Day, which will not need to be made up at the end of the school year. As you know, starting March 17th all schools in Illinois were closed by Governor Pritzker through March 30th. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has mandated that the rest of the days this week (March 17-20) be considered “Act of God Days”. “Act of God Days” differ from an Emergency Day in the following ways:

- They will not be made up at the end of the year.
- Teachers are providing feedback to students, grades are not recorded.
- Assignments will not negatively impact report cards.

The week of March 23 - 27 is our regularly scheduled Spring Break. Students and staff will enjoy a one week break. All school offices will be closed and e-Learning will be suspended for Spring Break.

On March 30th, we will again utilize the “Act of God” day as an e-Learning day.

Even though grades will not be a factor in schools across Illinois for the rest of this week, in Kinnikinnick #131 we believe it is important to continue engaging our students.

Our schools and staff are leaders in public education, therefore our staff is committed to providing activities, assignments, and feedback each day that advance student learning.

We also realize that caregivers at home are a HUGE part of advancing learning and YOU are doing a great job. Please continue to reach out to staff and each other when you need help. We are here for you and your students.

In addition, Kinnikinnick #131 will be providing meals to children in need this week. Families may pick up meals at the following locations from 9am-10:30am:

- Ledgewood and Stone Creek campus: drive-thru
- Roscoe Middle School: drive-thru at lower entrance
- Chicory Ridge subdivision: drive-thru or walk up option in Chicory Ridge Park

As always, thank you for your patience and support as we navigate this difficult time. We will continue providing regular updates, as this situation evolves.

Your partner in education,

Keli Freedlund
Superintendent