

RBS DIGITAL DISTANCE LEARNING

DIGITAL CHALK TALK NO. 6

BACK TO "SCHOOL" WE GO!

April 19, 2020

Dear Rock Brook Families,

Although it was unlike any spring break we've ever had before, I am hopeful that you had a chance to make the best of it. I am very appreciative of those parents who were able to join our Google Meet Parent Forums last week. We are striving to make the remote learning experience the best it can be for you and your child and your input will help us to make some adjustments as we move forward.

Your thoughts about our DDLP are especially important now since we learned from Governor Murphy last week that the mandated school closure will remain in effect until at least May 15. If you have not yet done so, please share your thoughts with us via our DDLP Survey (click here to take the survey: [RBS DDLP Family Survey](#).)

Just in case you don't feel as though you're getting enough COVID-19 related news, be sure to check out NJSpotlight and sign up for their daily newsletter here: <https://www.njspotlight.com>

Welcome back!

Glenn Famous

~From The Principal~

Thank you to all the families who were able to participate in our Family & Leadership Google Meet Forum last week! Please continue to reach out to the classroom staff as well as any member of the Leadership Team for any questions or concerns. Just a few reminders as we get back to school:

Attendance:

Just a friendly reminder that attendance tracking is extremely important, is required by our sending districts, and is mandated by state law. Please complete the attendance link on a daily

basis so that your child is counted as present with regard to their participation in school for the day. Email your child's teacher if your child will be absent for the day.

Progress Reports/Progress monitoring/Tracking

Teachers and therapists continue to provide instruction, lessons, and materials in alignment with your child's individualized IEP goals and objectives. With that in mind, you can continue to expect a Progress Report for May and/or June depending on your child's progress reporting cycle.

Behavioral Support

I will be connecting with our consulting BCBA this week to discuss supporting students and families. If you are in need of some guidance and support, let me know.

Technology Needs

Continue to reach out to Maggie Deeds for any technology needs. If you are still in need of pieces of technology/equipment, please let us know.

Hope to see you soon!

Katie Hardgrove

~A Message From Our Curriculum Supervisor~

When this all began we thought that it would be a few weeks, not months. Then the realization hit that this was going to be a way of life for a longer period of time. During this time our RBS Leadership Team was able to hold meetings with each other as well with the teachers, therapists, teaching assistants and case managers and parents. I think we have all become comfortable with using Zoom, Cisco Webex and Google Meet. I know I use these video apps to meet with my family and friends during this time of social distancing.

Now that it looks like we will be conducting Digital Distant Learning until mid May, it also means that IEP Annual reviews will also be conducted via Google Meet or another video platform. We want you to know that RBS staff is able to update your child's IEP remotely through *IEP Direct*. This program allows your child's teachers, therapists and RBS administrators to change/update Goals and Objectives as well as the Present Levels.

Katie Hardgrove and I have been in contact with the case managers to schedule IEPs. Please contact us with any concerns or questions regarding your child's IEP meeting. You can reach us at katie.hardgrove@rock-brook.org and cheryl.ferrigno@rock-brook.org as well as reaching out to your case manager. We are looking forward to the day we are able to get together in person. Stay Well!

Cheryl Ferrigno

~Tech Coordinator Update~

Hello Rock Brook,

I truly hope this finds you all safe and well. As I am a "Silver Lining" thinker, I am thrilled to report that the RBS students and families are successfully taking part in our Digital Distance

Learning Plan (DDLDP)! This is most exciting news at a most challenging time for all. In keeping with our school's ability to rise to a challenge, I am including a link to an article that highlights some tips for navigating online learning with your children at home. Recommendations including making space for learning, as well as maintaining snack and recess breaks. If possible, please take a moment to check out the article and benefit from the additional tips and reminders as they can surely help to guide your home instruction and keep things moving in the right direction.

[9 tips for parents navigating online learning with their children due to Coronavirus](#)

Please give all your children a big "high five" from me, I know they are all working so hard! And parents, please accept a huge thank you from me as I know how hard you're working too!

Fondly,
Miss Maggie



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