

Dear Klatt Families,

I want to thank everyone for the efforts you have put forward educating our students. The staff at Klatt miss your children very much and cannot wait to see them again in the Fall. As you are aware, on April 9th the Governor extended the closure of K-12 schools until the end of the year. During this pandemic, student safety is our top priority which includes staying away from the COVID-19 virus as well as online safety.

Klatt's number one goal is meeting the needs of families during this pandemic. Every family is in a very different situation right now and our school is here to help. Our school and our district have resources to support emotional needs in this stressful time. You are welcome to contact your classroom teacher, myself, or call 742-HELP if you or your family need support. In addition, feel free to contact your child's teacher to let them know if you need more activities or have questions about your child's learning. The work we provide is supplemental and if you are unable to complete it that is okay. Klatt Elementary has a strong track record of assessing students' needs and providing interventions to close gaps. We will continue this work in the Fall. This pandemic presents a new challenge, but schools have dealt with a loss of instructional time due earthquakes, fires, and hurricanes in the past. In reviewing research on past events, I am confident we will be able to catch students up when they return to school.

Email—During this pandemic a lot has changed. We are learning how to support families in a very different manner. We recognize the amount of emails parents have been receiving has substantially increased. It is important to know that across the nation, K-12 organizations have been identified as spam due to the large amounts of emails being sent out. Please check your email programs to make sure your child's teacher has not been identified as spam. I have asked our staff to communicate through their digital platforms and reduce the amount of mass emails being sent out. This update will be sent out as a mass email but also posted on the school website.

Zoom—Teachers are offering office hours throughout the week for families. The original purpose for using Zoom was to give parents time to connect with teachers. This is still part of the process. We have found much of our Zoom meetings have been time for students to connect with teachers and other students in their class. While it is a great time for students to check in with their teacher, it is not a requirement. Our district has made many changes to protect our students while using this Zoom. Unfortunately, this has made the process for logging into Zoom more difficult. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Remote Learning—Our school and district has three avenues for parents to access supplemental learning. They are:

Digital—One avenue is through asynchronous online learning. This means teachers publish work on an online site for parents and students to access. Students can access these platforms and other content through the Clever portal <http://clever.asdk12.org>. Clever offers a link of online applications, links to classroom platforms, a copy of print materials, and a student

password reset. Parents and students can ask questions about assignments or request additional work through email and a Zoom meeting.

Paper Packets—For families who do not have access to the digital content, you can request having materials sent through USPS mail. These packets are also accessible on Clever for parents that are able to get online and print.

ASD Partnership with PBS—AK Public media in collaboration with ASD is broadcasting an [At Home Learning Schedule](#) with programming targeted towards different age groups.

Programming for PreK through 3rd grade is 5 AM - 7 AM and 4th through 8th grade is from 7 AM - 1 PM. Families can visit this website for more information and weekly schedules

<https://www.alaskapublic.org/education1/athomelearning/athomelearning-page/>.

Or view the information over the air on channel 7.1, GCI channel 7 or 657.

Chromebooks—Last week distributed 98 Chromebooks to families. I want to thank all the parents for making time in their schedule to come and pick up a computer for their students. Unfortunately, we do not have enough computers for every student but we want to support each household if they are in need. If your household needs a Chromebook and you have not already received one, please email askklatt@asdk12.org and we will do our best to get one through the district.

Student Belongings—We have started to organize the process of gathering and distributing students' belongings that are in the school. You will receive a call from staff next week with pick-up instructions. This process will be similar to our Chromebook device pick-up. Parents will drive to the back of the school and staff will bring the belonging to a table. Pick up times will be scheduled during the week of May 4 - 8th. If you know of a specific item, in a classroom, that does not have your child's name on it, please communicate with your classroom teacher.

Thank you for your time. If you have additional questions, please email me christal_david@asdk12.org or the office at askklatt@asdk12.org.

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