



August 28, 2020

Students and Families,

We have been able to have meetings with most families at this point to go over Buck Virtual, sign contracts, chromebook policies, EDPs, etc. We have appreciated your cooperation and commitment to helping your child with their school work as they, along with our staff, venture into this new way of learning. As a parent/guardian, your role is incredibly important in making this virtual learning a success for your child. We look forward to our partnership together to make the education of your child a success.

The first few weeks of school in face-to-face learning entails establishing routines, forming relationships, understanding what is going to be expected of the student in that particular class or grade level, and gathering baseline data on students. The same thing goes for virtual learning, and we will be accomplishing this in the first two weeks of school. Below are things your child, along with your help and direction from the school will be completing during the first few weeks.

August 26th-28th

Things to do this week:

- Make sure you have received your chromebook and charger from the school if you need one.
- Make sure you can log into your chromebook (use your Pine River email address...students/families will be given this information).
- Make sure you can connect to the internet with your chromebook.
- Set a schedule with your child of when they will complete their school work.
- If you have any technical difficulties with your chromebook, please call 231-768-4481, OPTION 6.
- School mentors will be contacting you via email, phone, etc. to ensure you are all set as well. This will be the form of two way communication that we must document for the week, so please be sure to respond.

August 31st- September 3

Things to do this week:

- School mentors will contact parents and/or students to establish a time schedule they will be contacting every week. This will be the same time every week. (Remember, it is a requirement for the school to have two-way communication every week.)
- Students will be given login information (usernames and passwords) for the programs they will need to use.

- Students will need to make sure they are able to log into those programs. If they are not able to, please let your mentor know.
- Students will take their diagnostic tests to find out baseline data (where the child is academically).
 - Information on how to do this will be given to you from your mentor/school.
 - Depending on how long the diagnostic tests take, students may be able to begin coursework this week in Pathblazer/Edgenuity. Mentors will determine where the students are at and decide if they are ready.

September 8th-11th

Things to do this week:

- Monday- NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday-Thursday- Sign into Pathblazer (K-5) or Edgenuity (6-12) and begin completing classwork.
- Friday- NO SCHOOL

IMPORTANT:

Please be sure to continue checking the email address that you gave to the school during the Buck Virtual Orientation. We will be sending important information through that.

Thank you for partnering with us and choosing Buck Virtual to meet your unique needs through this time. We are looking forward to working alongside you to support your student(s) through Buck Virtual.