

Altona Community Update - 3/27/2020

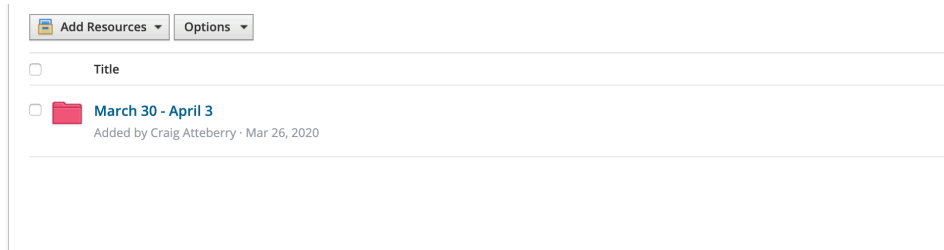
Hello Rattler Community,

I hope by now you have had the opportunity to read through the communication sent from our Superintendent, Dr. Haddad, on Thursday, March 26. If not, I would encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience.

All of our teachers are excited and ready to start online learning on Monday, March 30, to include math, language arts, science, social studies and electives. And we are aware of the unique situation many of our families, including our staff, are experiencing during this time. With that said, we have been thoughtful in creating a plan where ALL students can be successful.

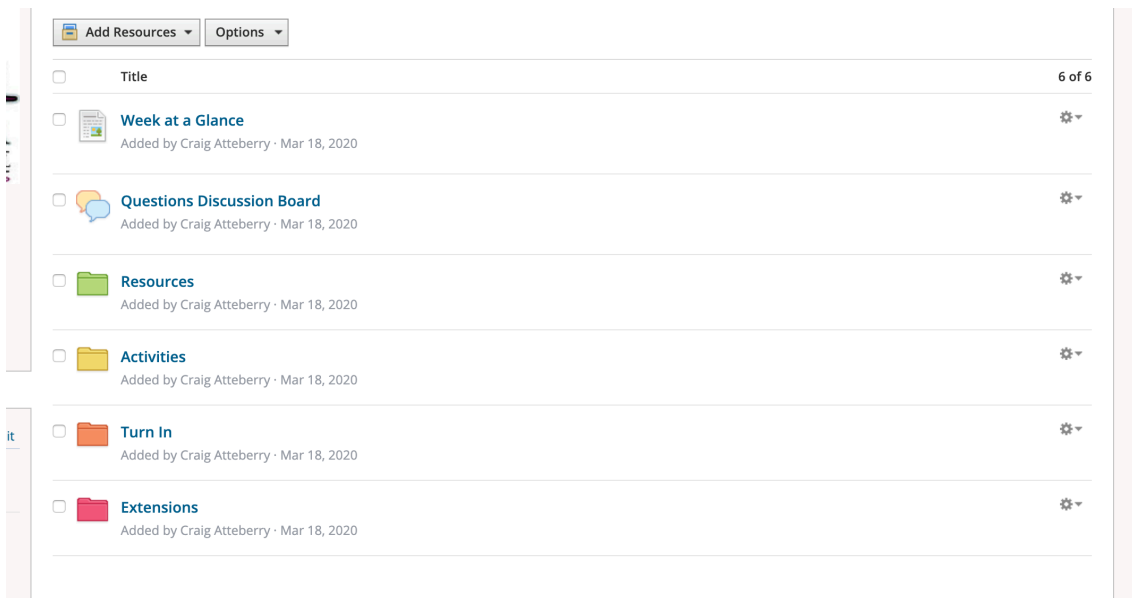
Our teachers and students have all been using Schoology for quite some time and we know this will be a successful platform to help students engage in learning.

As a school, we have decided to have each teacher create a consistent weekly format for each class, including electives.



This screenshot shows a Schoology interface with a top bar containing 'Add Resources' and 'Options' buttons. Below is a list of items in a folder. The first item is 'Title'. The second item is a folder icon followed by the text 'March 30 - April 3' and 'Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 26, 2020'.

Inside each weekly folder, students will see the following:



This screenshot shows a Schoology interface with a top bar containing 'Add Resources' and 'Options' buttons. Below is a list of items in a folder, each with a checkbox on the left and a gear icon on the right. The items are: 'Title' (6 of 6), 'Week at a Glance' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020), 'Questions Discussion Board' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020), 'Resources' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020), 'Activities' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020), 'Turn In' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020), and 'Extensions' (Added by Craig Atteberry · Mar 18, 2020).

By the end of the day on March 30, teachers will communicate directly with their classes regarding weekly expectations. Teachers will also hold regular office hours in order to support students and be available for questions. Information about office hours will be included in the teacher communication. In the near future, we anticipate that teachers may use WebEx to conference with their students as needed.

Our goal for this upcoming week is to ensure that all students are engaging in online learning in each class and are able to be successful. Teachers and other staff support will be reaching out to students and parents if they are not participating.

What should parents and students do to be successful in the Altona Way?

- Altona Way Excellence: Check your email and Schoology daily for updates from your teacher
- Altona Way Teamwork: Discuss as a family a schedule that will allow your student to complete their learning. Each family will have unique needs during this time and it's important to stick to an agreed upon schedule. Asking your child to help with this will give them a sense of investment in their learning. We encourage Including physical activity into the daily routine as well as a structured sleep routine that allows your child to get anywhere between 9-10 hours a night.
- Altona Way Pride: Setup a location in your home that will allow for a student to focus on their learning.
- Altona Way Grit: Eliminate distractions
- Altona Innovation: Encourage breaks from screen time and encourage physical activity; the school day and hours may look different for each family.
- Altona Way Leadership: Discuss how to model responsible digital citizenship online

Please continue to use <http://www.svvsd.org/coronavirus> for important information and to access previous updates from the school district. Specifically, please reference the information regarding lunches and Community Resource Centers.

If at any time you have a question, please reach out to your teachers, counselors or administrators via email or Schoology. Also, we will be able to access the school phone if you need to call (720-494-3980). We will do our best to respond to you as soon as possible.

We are very committed to the success of our students and community. This is a unique opportunity to positively engage with your child and their educational experience. Thank you for your understanding and partnership during this challenging time.

Best regards,

Jeremy LaCrosse
Principal, Altona Middle School