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REMOTE LEARNING | 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8.24-28** Teacher Institute Days
- 8.31** Remote Learning Planning Day
- 9.1** First Day of Classes
- 9.7** No School - Labor Day

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Tech Support**
helpdesk@op97.org
- Let's Talk**
bit.ly/D97LetsTalk

TEACHING AND LEARNING

What will Remote Learning look like?

Students will engage in both synchronous (live/real-time interaction with a teacher) and asynchronous (self-determined review of content) learning sessions with teachers and classmates via virtual tools.

What platforms will be used to engage and communicate with students and families?

District 97 will utilize Seesaw for Grades K-2, Google Classroom for Grades 3-5 and Canvas for Grades 6-8.

TECHNOLOGY

Is the district planning to provide devices for all students, including grades K-2?

Yes! Students in grades K-5 will have iPads and students in grades 6-8 will have Chromebooks.

Will the district provide wireless hotspots to families who do not have internet access?

Yes. D97 will work with schools to identify and support families who do not have internet access at home. Information about the district's Internet for All program is available at op97.org/ilearn97/internet-for-all

How can families learn more about remote learning and technology tools?

District 97 hosted its first Virtual Parent University on Aug. 13 to provide families with information, tips and tools to support students with remote learning this fall. Recordings of these sessions can be found at bit.ly/D97ParentU. We are planning to hold additional learning sessions throughout the school year.

FAMILY AND STUDENT SUPPORT

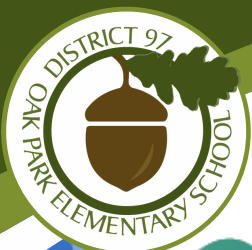
How will schools foster socialization and community-building among students and teachers?

Community-building events will include: video messages from our schools, virtual community events, principal announcements, Virtual Spirit Week & various social events in place of lunch/recess.

Is the district planning to provide printed materials to support learning at home?

While District 97 remains committed to being as "green" as possible, we know there is a need to lessen the burden that excessive printing may place on our families. We will distribute the first round of printed materials to families before the first day of school, and will work with our school principals and Print Shop to determine if/when additional distributions are needed.

For more detailed responses to frequently asked questions regarding remote learning, resources are available at op97.org/remoteteaching.



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