

## **Remote Learning Nov.30-Dec. 4, 2020**

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Dear Palo Pinto ISD Community,

This is an important school closure related message from Palo Pinto ISD. Though lengthy, please listen to the message in entirety. Also know that the information is available on our website and Facebook.

Thank you for your concern and understanding during the recent unpredictable circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus. Among a magnitude of important priorities of PPISD, we know that none supersede the safety and well-being of our students, staff, families, and visitors.

The purpose of this message is to announce the proactive measure designed to help limit the coronavirus risk to our school community. The health and safety of all members of the Palo Pinto ISD community are our primary concern. At this time, there are three confirmed staff cases and one suspected student case among the PPISD community. To reduce the spread of the virus, out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families, and to allow thorough cleaning of our facilities, we have made the decision to close the physical campus next week, Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 4th. However, students will be required to engage in remote, off campus instruction. The details of the instructional plan for the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 4th will be outlined on our district website at [www.palopintoisd.net](http://www.palopintoisd.net) by Monday, November 30th. The plan basically provides grade specific packets for students in Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade to complete. Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will complete their work through Google Classroom. If you need other accommodations, you will be able to express those to your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will provide parents with further information. Students will be counted present for attendance purposes as long as they engage daily in their schoolwork, complete work as assigned and as due, and check in with their teacher daily as required and communicated by each specific teacher. Teachers will be providing parents with their office hours should students need additional help with their schoolwork. Schoolwork will be graded as if students were physically in the classroom. Further, all attendance requirements must be followed as defined in law. For those students needing work packets because they are in Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or because you request such with your child's teacher, we will have hard copies of packets available in tubs or boxes on the front porch of the school available for pickup on Monday, November 30th at 8:00am. Packets for those who chose packets, and for our Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, must have them picked up by 12:00pm on Monday, November 30 in order for your student to be counted present on Monday. We ask that you only take a packet for your child in Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or if you requested a packet with your child's teacher. Your child's name will be on the packet so we can ensure all students who need a packet pick one up. Packets will be due when we return to school on Monday, December 7th. Google Classroom assignments for students completing work on the computer will be due as assigned. Please know our staff is 100% committed to doing all we can to support you and your child during this difficult time. Our teachers have methods by which you can communicate with them, including via email. Teachers will let you know means by which they will communicate with you and your child. Teachers' email addresses can be found by clicking on the Staff menu from our homepage. They are checking email regularly.

Should your child need a meal from the school during the week of building closure, a parent or guardian must call the school by 8:30am each day, Monday through Friday, that a meal is needed. Meal requests

will be unable to be fulfilled after 8:30am. If a meal is requested, it will need to be picked up in the cafeteria between 10:00am and 10:30am each day. The cafeteria will close at 10:30am. Please adhere to those timeframes for meal planning and preparation services. The school's phone number is 940-659-2745.

For detailed and up-to-date information, we will continue to keep our District webpage and Facebook page updated. Palo Pinto ISD's Asynchronous Remote Instruction Plan is also published on our webpage and this is the protocol that we will be following. At this time, students should plan on returning to campus on Monday, December 7 at the regular time unless informed otherwise. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this very trying time. We hope you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving and remain healthy and safe. Thank you!