

March 23, 2020

Dear Wareham Families,

Welcome to Wareham Public School's Online and Distance Learning website. As the Governor has closed our schools and we practice social responsibility, we also hoping to provide your child with a quality educational learning experience.

This is new to all of us, and I realize there will be bumps along the way. We are committed to your child's learning and seek to offer opportunities to enhance and/or continue learning.

There is nothing that replaces the relationships between students and teachers /staff. The in-person educators' support is essential day-to-day; however, given the situation in which we find ourselves, our staff have contributed to providing a multitude of academic opportunities for your child to access online.

Our website is a genuinely collective effort. Every teacher has posted something either by grade or by class. They have been working hard and will continue to do so. They have been and will continue to be supported by our paraprofessionals. I am very grateful for all of their efforts and dedication.

As you navigate the website, you will notice it is divided by school, then grade. There are videos and tutorials to access Google Classroom, as well as several other links to various learning experiences. First and foremost, it would be beneficial to create a schedule for your child(ren). Maintaining a predictable structure is vital, and something they can count every day while at school. It will also be helpful to know what you might need for support. Please don't hesitate to email the classroom teacher or principal.

Most importantly and most difficult, social distancing is a **MUST**. The more we contribute to that, the faster we remedy the virus. As a parent, the one thing I wish I had done more of was to build lasting memories. Our children grow up so quickly, and soon enough, they are off living their own lives. Without a choice right now, it is possible to embrace the situation and create wondrous moments remembered for a lifetime. We hope that this website contributes to some of those wonderful memories.

Please make sure to reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood