



# MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOLS

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Muckleshoot Tribal School Families,

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to all of our students and families. In times of uncertainty, we often either see the best of each other or the worst (visit any local store and you will likely see some of both). Among our school Family, I am proud to share that I am seeing the best! Students and parents continue to be patient as we work on how we can best support learning during this unprecedented time. Staff are teaming up and thinking of new ways to support our students as we continue to focus on our core values.

Please keep in mind that we have never faced this type of situation before and like many of our foundational services we doing our very best to support the students, families, staff and community. ***We need your assistance in making sure that all of the Muckleshoot Tribal School families get access to this message and that we get information on families that do not have email and/or internet access at home through traditional methods or cell phone unlimited data plans.***

## ***Muckleshoot Tribal School Educational Plan for COVID 19 Closure***

### **This plan has three goals**

1. Protect graduating seniors' status and allowing high school students to complete requirements.
2. Maintain and improve all students' skills and knowledge.
3. Provide meaningful activities for students while the school is closed.

### **Instructional Plan**

- **Starting Monday, March 23, 2020 - Muckleshoot Tribal School launch online instructional opportunities utilizing online learning with Study Island/PLATO Learning system until regular school sessions resume.**
- **Teaching staff will perform their tasks using the Study Island/PLATO Learning system & other online tools remotely (off campus).**
  - a. Families can get their children's logon information and passwords emailing the following staff ***(email addresses are listed at the bottom of this letter)***:  
**Elementary** Students Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – **Email your classroom teacher**  
You can also email the Elementary Principal Ms. LaWonda Smith-Marshall at  
[LaWonda.Smith@muckleshoot.com](mailto:LaWonda.Smith@muckleshoot.com)  
**Middle School** Students email the Secondary Principal Mr. Jay Hirst at  
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**High School** Students email the Secondary Principal Mr. Ron Craig at  
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  - b. Teachers will post all assignments by 9 am on the Study Island/PLATO Learning system, some assignments may cover multiple days of learning.
  - c. Staff may assign Project Based Learning assignments or other traditional forms of assignments.
  - d. Students should begin working on their lessons on the day it is assigned.

- e. Assigned projects will be due within three school days upon returning to school unless otherwise noted by the teacher.
- **Chromebooks will be made available to families (1 per family) who don't have an electronic device.**
  - a. The Study Island & PLATO programs can be accessed from almost any device including laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, Android Tablets or Smartphones.
  - b. The school has a limited supply of Chromebooks so we will only be able to check out 1 per family.
  - c. Chromebooks can be checked out at the Muckleshoot Tribal School on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 3pm
  - d. The checkout form will be available Monday at the Tribal School
  - e. All Chromebooks must be returned (**these are our classroom Chromebooks**) when school resumes.
- **All teaching staff will be available from 9am – 3pm (Monday – Thursday) and 9am – 1pm (Fridays) either online, email, teleconference, Zoom or other approved mode of communication to provide remote learning along with assisting and supporting students.**
  - a. Please contact your child's teacher to find out the multiple ways they will be available to support your child/family with online learning.
- **Student attendance will be based on logging into and completing work in the Study Island/PLATO Learning system on closure days.**
- **Families who do not have internet access at home may checkout a mobile hotspot **when they become available.****
  - a. Until mobile hotspots are delivered families can request the work in packet form.
  - b. We are hoping that hotspots are available the week of March 23-27<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. We will update families as we get more information from our vendors

**\*\* If a case of COVID 19 occurs at the Muckleshoot Tribal School, packet work may not be available**

**Additional Actions Being Taken:**

- Based on the new Washington State statutes all current high school transcripts will be reviewed for potential partial credits
- All current classes will have quarter grades submitted by the classroom teachers and credits posted to the student's transcripts.
- All middle school and high school course work during the closure will graded as Pass or Fail instead of traditional A –F grades being assigned.

***We know that there are some specific questions that are out there and we will do our best to address these as soon as we can:***

***Class of 2020:*** We understand that what is a stressful time for all is particularly challenging for our seniors counting on this semester to finish their credits and graduate. We are hard at work looking at graduation requirements and we are working with the State Board of Education and the Bureau of Indian Education to determine what needs to be completed for each individual senior. We will communicate information as soon as we have any.

***Students on IEPs:*** We will be using IEP goals and accommodations as a guide for supporting the needs of students on IEPs. MTS Special Education staff under the supervision and direction of our Director of Student Support Service, Heather Scheidt will be working with the classroom teachers on appropriate

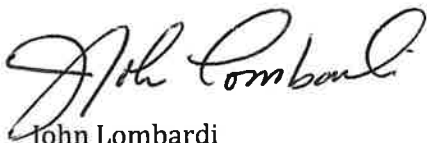
accommodations and modifications. Our Special Education teachers will be providing support and services directly for those students who need more support and assistance based on the IEP.

**Everybody:** We miss you! We care about you! We know that this is a rough time right now for a lot of folks. As you're muddling your way through this time of school closure, please take the time to take good care of yourself and your loved ones. Our school counselors and parent liaisons will be reaching out to students and families on a regular basis

In addition to following the CDC's guidelines, a few suggestions include:

- 1) Follow a daily routine. It doesn't have to be identical every single day, but having a rhythm and flow to your daily life is an ENORMOUS piece of helping cope with anxiety, depression, fear, etc. during the best of times. This is even more important with school cancelled.
- 2) Read, grow, learn. You'd better believe that I'm using my ebook reader as often as possible to read free books from the library. Librivox is also a great resource for free audiobooks. There are DOZENS of education companies putting out free online resources from videos to books to games to help you learn about something that interests you.
- 3) Take care of your body. Eat good food, drink plenty of water, wash your hands often, and move your body when you can - whether indoors or out.
- 4) Get creative. Don't already have a creative outlet? There are virtual tours online! Checkout amazing places and museums that you can't travel too right now. I'm also a big fan of listening to new genres of music, crossword puzzles and coloring books (you can download free ones online.)
- 5) Stay connected with your loved ones - even remotely. Use your phone, FaceTime, Zoom, Facebook, a piece of waxed string with 2 tin cans, or whatever other method of communication you have at your disposal. Maybe even go "old school" and write someone a letter.

Again, I want to thank everyone for your patience and grace as we work to find answers to your many questions. Know that we are determined to create the best educational experience possible under the circumstances for each and every student.



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