Continuous Learning - Covid-19 - Update

We maintained virtual learning for 90-95% of our students throughout the month of April. We also created paper/pencil homework packets for about 10% of our students. Some students stay with one parent / or grandparent one week and someone else the next week, so we have been giving families both options if needed. Each week we average 1-2% no contact via attendance and or homework turned in overall. When there has been no contact with the classroom teacher(s), administrators have reached out and contacted parents to encourage engagement and or support as needed, including home delivery and pick up of completed homework.

The average number of meal served hovers around 200 – 220 lunches, 200 – 220 breakfasts, 400 – 440 meals distributed per day. On Thursday prior to Easter weekend, we served / distributed more than 1300 meals. We partnered with the Carbondale Parks and Rec crew to provide a bag of Easter candy and the Easter Bunny showed up complete with mask to pass out candy to the kids. Photos were posted on the district web site.

Teachers have done an excellent job helping keep things "NORMAL" for the kids. Last week the 5th graders in Ms. Mitchel's did the usual 5th grade end of year "Egg Drop" our 8th graders will be having a virtual celebration today with all of their teachers via ZOOM – overall we have made the best of difficult circumstances.

Our 8^{th} Grade Chromebook return and personal belonging pick up is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 11:00-1:00 pm. Due to the Osage County Health Department projections for no large gatherings through June, we made the decision to distribute 8^{th} grade promotion materials during that time as well, including awards.

All other grades will return / pick up on Wednesday May 13. Each grade was assigned a two hour window so we could allow all teachers a time to volunteer to help out while also creating a time to say good bye.

Teachers are submitting grades by May 14 and organizing classrooms for summer through the end of May on a schedule we have created with them. Teachers who are retiring and/or leaving the district will have all of their things checked out with the district office by May 15.