



# Frontier Central School District

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Dear Parents of Frontier Elementary Hybrid Students,

During these challenging and uncertain times, we hope this letter finds you well. This letter is designed to provide you with important information as we pivot to fully virtual instruction on Thursday, November 12th. We want to thank you in advance for your flexibility, patience and support during this time. Please know our "virtual school" will look differently than it did in the spring.

It will take a few days for us to transition to a new daily schedule. In the meantime, teachers will provide opportunities for learning that mirror our current Wednesdays on Thursday and Friday of this week. The goal of this letter is to provide you with the total time commitment during the school day for your children moving forward. Our school day will begin at 8:00 am and end at 2:00 pm beginning on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Our fully virtual schedule will maintain time on Wednesdays for a morning meeting and office hours. Our UPK teachers will contact their families with regard to the fully virtual schedule Thursday morning.

Time allotments for subject areas, specials, related services, and office hours are embedded in this communication. Within the identified time allotments, students will not spend the entire time in front of the computer. This is especially true for our younger students. Blocks of time will be planned both with time on a Google Meet as a class or in small groups with the teacher, and with time away for independent activities such as reading, writing, researching, practicing math skills or exploring academic concepts through play.

To illustrate how a block may be structured, elementary students will spend time engaged in literacy instruction everyday. Although activities may vary by day, this block of time will include a blend of whole group instruction and read aloud. At various points in the week, teachers will also work with small groups of students while others are engaged in asynchronous (offline) learning activities or independent reading. Full groups will come together later in the block for a writing lesson via a Google Meet. Lunch, break periods, and specials will be held everyday. Reading, related and/or special education services will also be provided. The time allotments in this letter, at this time, are meant to provide you with information about your child's school day when teachers finalize their school day schedules.

Google Classroom continues to be our platform for teaching and learning. Students will access educational computer applications via Class Link for asynchronous experiences. Your child's attendance and participation is essential. We realize that learning from home can be challenging. Please know that we are here to support you and your child. If your child is struggling to participate and complete assignments, do not hesitate to reach out to your his or her teacher. Likewise, your child's teacher will reach out if attendance and/or participation is a concern. If your child has an issue logging on or is experiencing technical difficulties, please contact our Tech Team via email at [techteam@frontiercsd.org](mailto:techteam@frontiercsd.org).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal. Please know of our ongoing commitment to monitoring and evaluating teaching and learning while students are away from school. We sincerely thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Duggan*, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

*Julia Bermingham*, Big Tree Elementary School Principal

*Deanne Lester*, Blasdell Elementary School Principal

*Renee Kumiega*, Cloverbank Elementary School Principal

*Jennifer Makowski*, Pinehurst Elementary School Principal

**Kindergarten, First and Second Grades - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Time Allotments Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays	Subject	Type of Instruction
20 minutes	Morning Meeting Google Meet	LIVE
30 minutes	Art, Library, Music, Physical Education	
60 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minutes LIVE Instruction</li> <li>• 30 minutes other types of instruction</li> </ul>	Math	LIVE, Self-Paced or Asynchronous, Small Group LIVE Instruction  LIVE Instruction may be chunked throughout the subject time allotment
75 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minutes LIVE Instruction</li> <li>• 30 minutes other types of instruction</li> </ul>	English Language Arts Phonics Reading Writing	LIVE, Self-Paced or Asynchronous, Small Group LIVE Instruction  LIVE Instruction may be chunked throughout the subject time allotment
30 - 45 minutes	Social Studies/Science	LIVE, Self-Paced or Asynchronous, Small Group LIVE Instruction
30 - 60 minutes	iReady Reading and Math, Lexia,	Computer Based Platforms
30 - 60 minutes		Reading and related services for students who and receive services.
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Office Hours	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Morning Meeting and Office Hours</b>	

**Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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20 minutes	Morning Meeting Google Meet	LIVE
30 minutes	Art, Library, Music, Physical Education	
75 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 -45 minutes LIVE Instruction</li> <li>• 30 minutes other types of instruction</li> </ul>	Math	LIVE, Self-Paced or Asynchronous, Small Group LIVE Instruction LIVE Instruction may be chunked throughout the subject time allotment
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30 - 60 minutes		Reading and related services for students who and receive services.
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Office Hours	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Morning Meeting and Office Hours</b>	2 hours of time between Morning Meeting and Office Hours