

# Winand Elementary School

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Hello Winand Families,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. As you are aware, remote learning begins this week for all students in BCPS. Faculty and staff are excited to be back in regular contact with students and families as we embark on this new way of learning. In preparation for remote learning, teachers and resource personnel have participated in professional learning opportunities all last week. Their dedication and commitment throughout this process has been unparalleled.

Remote learning will be new to many of our teachers, students, and parents. We thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and flexibility. There will be a lot of information coming your way in the days and weeks to come.

BCPS is providing printed learning resources for all elementary students for the next three weeks. These materials are being mailed to students' homes and should be received in the next few days. The materials will also be available online beginning tomorrow, Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a further extended closure beyond April 24<sup>th</sup>, students in PreK through grade 2 will continue to receive printed materials. Students in grades 3 through 5 will have the option to continue to receive printed materials or engage in a digital pathway. We are aware that some students may not have access to digital learning. For families of students in grades 3 to 5, if you did not complete the survey emailed on March 27<sup>th</sup> regarding technology needs, but your child is in need of a device to engage in the digital learning option, please email Mr. Day at [gday3@bcps.org](mailto:gday3@bcps.org) as soon as possible.

## The What, When, and How of Remote Learning:

- Students will receive ELA, Math, Content (Science, Social Studies, or Health), and Special Area (Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library) lessons to be completed each week. These materials are being mailed to students' homes. Please complete one week at a time.
- Students will participate in online class meetings weekly for 30 minutes using Google Meet. Teachers will post the Google Meet link on Schoology prior to the meeting time. (See the [Remote Learning Schedule](#) in the email for a listing of teachers' online Google Meet class meeting times.)
- Teachers will have virtual office hours daily. Students and parents may contact teachers during this time for timely support, assistance, and conferences. (See the [Remote Learning Schedule](#) in the email for a listing of teachers' office hours.) Teachers will provide options for connecting with them during this time.
- Students and parents may also email or message teachers through Schoology for any needs they may have. Teachers will respond within 24 to 48 hours. School administration is also available to address



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any needs or concerns that parents or students may have. (See the [Remote Learning Schedule](#) in the email for a listing of faculty email addresses.)

- Special educators, related service personnel, the school counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, and other resource staff are also available during identified office hours, as well as through Schoology, or by email. (See the [Remote Learning Schedule](#) in the email for their contact information.) These faculty members will also be joining online class meetings in the classes they normally help to support.
- Technology support is available to parents and students during remote learning. In addition to documents shared in this email, parents and students may access self-help tech resources at <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/>. Parents and students may also submit a support request at <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/supportportal/> or by calling the Help Desk at 443-809-4672.
- Parents and guardians can help their child by reviewing all the information provided (i.e., Remote Learning Schedule, Acceptable Use Policy, and other information) and discussing it with their child. Parents are also encouraged to monitor their child's progress on Schoology, and to also visit their child's Schoology page to see student assignments and resources.

Thank you for your continued support through this time. We appreciate all your efforts and commitment as we move forward with remote learning. Please know that we are here to support your child's learning and can't wait to connect with students once again beginning this week!

Sincerely,

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