

April 2, 2020

Dear ECASD Families,

The purpose of this email is to provide you with an update related to ECASD communications about At-Home Learning. As you know, the Governor has extended the Safe-at-Home order until April 24, 2020. ECASD schools will remain closed until the Governor gives the order to re-open schools.

Communication from Teachers

ECASD teachers will use three ways to communicate with students to provide supplemental learning opportunities. Your teachers will let you and your children know which of the following methods each teacher chooses to use.

1. Canvas
2. Skyward emails
3. The school's website

Canvas Users

The strongest access to Canvas and its settings is through a web browser. If you prefer to use a Canvas app, there are three (3) different Canvas versions in the iOS store.

- If using an app, students download the **Student** version on their mobile devices
- Parents may download the **Parent** version, which allows you to be assigned as an "observer" to keep track of your student's learning activities. Students will need to share their code with you for this option to work.
- Please follow this link in the app, <https://bit.ly/2Uy2wkL>, for a Canvas guide about how to setup a parent observer account.

Skyward

If your child's teacher is using Skyward to post activities and assignments, the teacher will send both of you each message

School Website

All messages will be posted to your school's website so that you can find them later, if needed.

In addition, teachers and principals are trying to reduce the number of messages you receive each week. They have heard from some of you that receiving several emails and other messages each day is overwhelming. So, teachers are now likely to send messages a few times a week instead of every day to be as efficient and respectful as possible in their communication with you.

We are learning each day how better to help our students continue their learning at home. Please reach out to principals with information or ideas that might help us to improve these efforts.

If you are looking for additional resources, please use this link for families <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/health-department/coronavirus>, which are provided by the Eau Claire City County Health Department. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health. Thank you again for your patience as we transition to online learning for ECASD students.

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