



# MOUNDRIDGE USD 423

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**George Leary, Superintendent**

Wildcat Parents,

I want to share with you calendar changes USD 423 is implementing to be proactive against COVID spread within our buildings.

The board approved extending Thanksgiving Break to include November 23rd and 24th. There will be no school and no remote learning on these days. Think of these days along the line as "inclement weather days". Thanksgiving Break will officially include November 23rd-27th.

The board also approved designating November 30th and December 1st as Remote Learning days for all students (Pre-K-12). We recognize friends and families may be gathering together during Thanksgiving break and the prediction is for COVID transmissions to increase. Returning from Thanksgiving Break with two Remote Learning days will allow for COVID symptoms to manifest outside the school setting. This will allow our contact tracing to decrease as students will not be in the classrooms immediately following break.

We want you to know that Building Administrators and the Board of Education are closely monitoring our COVID numbers. Should there be a reason for the board to consider other proactive measures, I assure you the board will be in discussions, as needed. I have heard both pros and cons of a potential long-term remote learning model. I will keep the board informed of factors that may lead to this discussion.

Finally, some notes on other relevant issues:

## **Food Service:**

- Meals will be provided for all four days mentioned above. Please use this link to assist our Food Service staff in preparing adequate meals. Just a reminder that Food Service benefits apply to all children ages 1-18 this year.  
<https://forms.gle/DatHLALxiKwu17GM9>

## **Technology:**

- MES: If your child used a school device on our remote Wednesdays during the first quarter, a device will be sent home for these two remote days. If your child did not use a school device previously, yet you now need one, please contact the school.
- MMS/MHS: Please complete this Technology Survey if you have not already done so.
  - Grades 4-5:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeXpHtyykZ2PdM5y9IhvhJXNizphLD0StYdgIn4\\_cUu\\_m\\_yg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeXpHtyykZ2PdM5y9IhvhJXNizphLD0StYdgIn4_cUu_m_yg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
  - Grades 6-12:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFII95cxxiTG0BOHhPTFxya8x6K6cNbu58PY98VbhDuIUOzg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFII95cxxiTG0BOHhPTFxya8x6K6cNbu58PY98VbhDuIUOzg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **Extracurricular Activities:**

- Additional COVID protocols are being implemented for post-Thanksgiving break activities and will be taken at all levels to keep both students and staff safe. Specific details will be shared by each individual coach.

These are certainly challenging times for all of us. Additional information may follow this email from your building principal or directly from teachers. Please check your email and let us know if you have any questions. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this COVID pandemic.

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