



Twain Weekly update for the week of 4/20/2020

Good evening, Twain families. If you've been keeping up with the District emails, you know that this week marks a shift in our online learning expectations. As I've said a few times, although our building is closed for the remainder of the year, the school year is NOT over. **We want to make sure you know that the assignments and activities being posted to itslearning each week now officially count for our students for credit.** Report cards will be issued at the end of the school year and will reflect students' participation in their assigned online learning. (For more information about these updated expectations for our students, please check out the FPS website on Monday when more Extended Online Learning information will be added to the site.)

Teachers spent time in professional development last week working together with their colleagues to prepare for this shift. They have reduced the scope of their curriculum for the remainder of the year and will be mindful not to overwhelm families with too many tasks during such stressful circumstances. As much as possible, it's our goal to keep students on pace and prepared for a successful upcoming school year. It's important that students stay connected to learning, to our staff, and to each other, so students **need** to be logging in each week to itslearning and participating in posted learning activities and weekly GoToMeetings **as much as possible** for the remainder of the school year.

If your student hasn't been able to fully participate in our online learning experiences yet due to illness or other family stresses, we understand. We know that many of our families are dealing with unbelievable loss, grief, and hardship, and we want to continue to support you and work with you however we can. Please let us know how we can help so that we can make sure that none of our Comets falls behind by not participating.

Helpful Resources

- If you need help getting your child logged in to itslearning or another learning program, please submit a ticket here: <https://form.jotform.com/200764237743052>
- If you haven't yet connected to our Twain Facebook page, we encourage you to do so here: <http://fb.me/TeamTwainFraser>
- If your family is in need of social/ emotional support, our district mental health team has put together these resources to help support you: <https://frasersel.weebly.com/>
- **In addition to email, I can also be reached at this number during the school closure: (586) 533-4319. Feel free to text me or call me at this number. If I don't answer, please leave me a voicemail, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.**
- As a reminder, meals are being distributed at FHS each weekday from 9am to Noon and at Twain from 10-11am. I hope you're able to take advantage of this as needed.

Our staff misses our Comets so much, and we are glad to be able to see their faces during our weekly GoToMeetings so we can stay connected to them during these super-tough times. We hope that you and your loved ones are remaining healthy and that you're staying home as much as possible. If your family is experiencing loss, illness, or other hardship, please let us know so that we can support you however we can. Our Comets are our extended family, and we want to offer our assistance and care to you however we can.

Take Care,

Laura Woods
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