

Dear Families of Roseway Heights:

Our staff spent the first part of the week training to provide online supplemental learning opportunities to our students. Later in the week Oregon's Department of Education released significant new guidance to schools, expanding "supplemental learning" to encompass "distance learning for all." Because we expect to hear more details of this decision tomorrow, **I will send out another update tomorrow.** In the meantime, I have a lot of information to share with you.

**Roseway Heights' Student Contact Team and Roseway Heights' Schoolwide Google Classroom:**

We have created a schoolwide Google Classroom. Students are already using it posting questions and connecting with one another and staff. We will use this page to continue developing our school community and communicate learning opportunities.

**Student Contact Team:** We are committed to creating a vibrant school community despite our current circumstances. Staff (including myself) who are not classroom teachers have divided up the student body into small groups. Each of us will communicate with each of the students in our group weekly. Our goal is to provide every student with a regular checkin and to be a sounding board to support students as we make our way through the remainder of the school year. Each Student Contact Team member (like classroom teachers) will use Google Classroom to contact students.

**PowerUp:** Students should complete their weekly assigned minutes for Word Study, Grammar, and Comprehension. The amount of time assigned by the program will vary by student pace and level, but is usually between 75-135 total minutes per week. A few students have completed the program. If you aren't sure whether you need to keep working in the program, you can email Merri Garcia: [mgarcia@pps.net](mailto:mgarcia@pps.net)

**Dreambox:** Students should complete at least 90 minutes per week in Dreambox. Students should have a goal of completing 4-5 lessons per week. Best practice is to complete an entire lesson before moving forward. If you have questions about Dreambox, you can email RaeAnn Suckow: [rsuckow@pps.net](mailto:rsuckow@pps.net)

**Technology:** As we enter this new phase of teaching and learning, we will all need to use and rely on technology more than ever. Students should be logging into their Google Classrooms, Dreambox, PowerUP, and a variety of other resources by following the directions found below:

1. Open up a web browser and go to the pps student portal:  
<https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/portal/pps-student-portal>
2. Choose Clever
3. Choose Log In with Google
4. Log in with the same user name and password you use at school (user name MUST include [@student.pps.net](mailto:@student.pps.net))
5. You should now be able to access Google Classroom, Dreambox, PowerUp, and many other resources

**If your child has forgotten their password,** Mr. Durham ([bdurham@pps.net](mailto:bdurham@pps.net)) can assist in resetting it. Please note if you email Mr. Durham after 5:00 pm, he will not be able to reset the password until the following day.

**Devices to Access Online Learning:** PPS has begun distributing Chromebooks to families. If you or a family you know needs to borrow a chromebook, a new technology request survey will be coming out soon. We will post the survey to the Roseway Heights website and email it out to families. Additionally, if there is someone you feel we should contact because they do not have a way to access online resources, please email [rosewayheightsinfo@pps.net](mailto:rosewayheightsinfo@pps.net)

**Keep in mind:** using a phone to access online learning will not work for your child. An iPad or tablet may work, but students will need to have access to a bluetooth keyboard in order to adequately complete their assignments.

**Please guide you child/children** in accessing all of the Google Classrooms connected with their schedules and the schoolwide Google Classroom. **As a family**, discuss Roseway Heights' Expectations for Online Learning which is linked here [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K8Ryb40gczNqqSatlRZM\\_nGnwHz8hHU9nlcAPnv8dXE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K8Ryb40gczNqqSatlRZM_nGnwHz8hHU9nlcAPnv8dXE/edit?usp=sharing)

**We are living in unprecedented times.** The Roseway Heights' staff and I are working hard to provide the best educational experience for our students possible under the current conditions. As we discover resources we believe will be helpful to students and families we will share them through email and post them to our website.

**Below you will find a variety of resources:**

**Audible** is the world's largest producer and provider of spoken-word entertainment and audiobooks. Currently, they are sharing some books free of charge [https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122355011?ref=adbl\\_ent\\_anon\\_ds\\_ds\\_dccc\\_sbtp-0-2](https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122355011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dccc_sbtp-0-2)

**Chromebook Accessibility Features:** Some of our students need support reading online classroom materials. Below you will find links to accessibility features (such as a feature that will read the text for your child). We even found a video to make turning on these features even easier.

[Turn On Chromebook Accessibility Features](#)  
[Hear Text read Aloud](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_gz4IXWDzTQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gz4IXWDzTQ)

**Addressing the needs of the whole child** is important to us. Below are some resources to help families maneuver through these ever changing times.

Don't Let Coronavirus Impact Your Mental Health is a podcast that provides a great discussion on how we can protect our mental health during the coronavirus pandemic

[https://psychcentral.com/blog/podcast-dont-let-coronavirus-impact-your-mental-health/?utm\\_source=PsychCentral+Weekly+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=4ba6b07b94-GEN\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c648d0eafd-4ba6b07b94-29845677](https://psychcentral.com/blog/podcast-dont-let-coronavirus-impact-your-mental-health/?utm_source=PsychCentral+Weekly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=4ba6b07b94-GEN_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c648d0eafd-4ba6b07b94-29845677)

This link will provides you with access to a variety of stress management apps:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CuyKLiRgucbMvezqccxNy4ASj62kafpgGPHREDMlw4/edit?usp=sharing>

Follow this link to several local mental health resources and a variety of websites:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10cjMxQrmBIIvNGqcQBYsSzqIWccdToeHGxqpjs9tCms/edit?usp=sharing>

In response to the many requests from schools, The Crisis Management Institute has created a wonderful resource to help schools and families who wish to access new resources and ideas in the coming months. You might bookmark this page for quick access.

<https://www.cmionline.com/covid-19-resources/>

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is a way you feel I can be of help. As always, thank you for sharing your child with us. I know i speak for the entire staff when I say how deeply we all miss interacting with the students of Roseway Heights on a daily basis.

Warm Regards,  
Brenda