

South Pekin Grade School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to remind all parents/guardians that Monday will be a half Remote Learning Planning Day (11:15 dismissal), and Tuesday will be a Remote Learning Day. This means that all SPGS students will attend school virtually on Tuesday. It is important for parents/guardians to realize that Tuesday (and any future remote learning days) will look very different from the remote learning days we had last spring. All students will be meeting face to face with their teacher(s) throughout the day. Elementary students will have a blended work day. This means that they will spend a portion of their day participating in live instruction with their teacher, and a portion of their day watching teacher made videos related to curriculum. Junior high students will go through their daily schedule, meeting with each of their teachers for the duration of their class. The school day for all students will be slightly shorter than a regular school day. Your student's schedule is being sent home with this letter, and it will be posted on the district's website. Please let your student's teacher know if you have any questions about his or her schedule.

Here is some additional important information regarding Tuesday's Remote Learning Day:

- 1) The school day will start at 9:00 a.m. for all students.
- 2) Students need to login during their assigned time. Attendance will be taken, and students who do not login will be marked absent. Junior high students need to go through the entire school day.
- 3) Please encourage your student to get up and get ready for school just like a normal day.
- 4) A combination breakfast/lunch will be available for all SPGS students to pick up from 11:51-12:51. Lunches will be distributed at the new gym doors, and the distribution will work the same as it did during the spring.
- 5) Please contact the school ASAP if you do not have internet access. We have hotspots available for students to checkout.
- 6) All teachers will be available to answer questions from 2:15-3:00. Please feel free to reach out to them.

I want to again stress that the purpose of this day is for our staff and students to practice remote learning. We know that it won't be perfect the first time, and we would like to work out any issues that may come up. I also want to restate that I have no indication from the state that we are going to be forced into remote learning anytime soon. However, I realize that things change very quickly with Covid-19, and I want to ensure that my staff and I will be able to provide your student the best possible education at all times. I appreciate the support all of our families have shown throughout the past the six months! As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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