Dear Clara Barton Parents,

We finished Week 1!  I am so proud of the students, teachers and PARENTS that worked so hard to get everything up and running.  I remind people on a daily basis that it will get easier once we all get used to the schedules, systems and technology.  Keep demonstrating grit…. We will get there together!  A few notes for you to review:

**Parent Communication Expectations in Remote Learning**

Our teachers make every effort to communicate to families in a timely manner.  It is important to note that due to other professional responsibilities that parents should expect to receive a response within 48 hours on business days.  Even though we are in a new age of school, I have reinforced how important it is that they are not working on nights or weekends.  The teacher workday is 8:00-4:00, and the first part of that day is a perfect time for parent emails or calls if they are not in meetings.  Please support your school staff by understanding the difficulty of setting work-boundaries in this time!

**LWSD Technology Supports for Families**

**Student Passwords**:

1. If you need support with Office 365 usernames and passwords for your child, please contact Clara Barton school librarian Amy Waldroup at [awaldroup@lwsd.org](mailto:awaldroup@lwsd.org).
2. If you need username and passwords for online programs such as Lexia and Dreambox, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**All Other Technology Support:**

Please contact LWSD Family Technology Access Support. They are available 7 days a week from 7:00am-7:00 for support with student passwords, district devices, internet supports, and questions.

Email: [ftaccess@lwsd.org](mailto:ftaccess@lwsd.org) or phone: (425) 936-1322

Be sure to provide the following information:

        Student name

        Parent/guardian name

        Contact information

        School

        Grade

**Additional Information about LWSD Technology Resources can be found here:**[https://www.lwsd.org/fall-2020/technology-support-during-school-closure](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FmU5amP-QcJVJuzon14GAbQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRhPMSTP0RHaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubHdzZC5vcmcvZmFsbC0yMDIwL3RlY2hub2xvZ3ktc3VwcG9ydC1kdXJpbmctc2Nob29sLWNsb3N1cmVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBHE5FbXxVjkwNSEnRyaWxqb25lc0Bsd3NkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=02%7C01%7Ctriljones%40LWSD.org%7C0566ed9807f8448bdc5708d856637213%7C1fd4673fdf9646218638a1d88c4c85d7%7C0%7C0%7C637354332399127590&sdata=8erfXdu5G9ifxGoiVqQ6AMXNgVccaxxsb12fVqAZ85Q%3D&reserved=0)

**Attendance in Remote Learning**

Attendance is important. Our students gain more than just knowledge when they participate in learning alongside their peers in rich and challenging environments; they gain the support and development that comes with being in community with peers.

We want to encourage and support your student in attending and participating in class each day. Participating in “live” lessons will be important to help students in their learning.

If a student misses a “live” learning class it is important that they continue to log into their Classroom Teams that day and engage in the learning activities that their teacher has created for them. Students may still be able to be marked as having attended if they engage in the daily learning in their Classroom Teams.

In order to ensure that student activity is accounted for, teachers are being asked to take attendance the day following a class period.

Evidence of student attendance includes:

* Student attendance during the majority of a live class meeting on Microsoft Classroom Teams
* Student completion of an assignment for that particular class period/day in Microsoft Classroom Teams
* Student engagement with a file or activity assigned for that particular class period/day in Microsoft Classroom Teams
* Student engagement or completion of an assignment or engagement with an online platform (Dreambox, Lexia, etc.) as assigned by the teacher for that particular class period/day

There are additional COVID-19 related excused absences and all absences for the month of September are to be marked as “non-truancy remote learning absence.”

Please call or email your student’s teacher or principal if you have questions about attendance.

To report an excused absence from class please contact ­­­­­­­­­­ your child’s teacher and our school registrar Jamie Johnson at [jjohnson@lwsd.org](mailto:jjohnson@lwsd.org) or call (425) 936-2481.

**LWSD Band Program Info**

* Both beginning and continuing band students are welcome in 5th Grade Band this year.  However, there is no 4th grade band right now.  The district may add 4th band later in the year.
* Registration for 5th grade band is open now through October 1 at [https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http:%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FC5-J1BJX3VY90vx6ZEHnOg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%~~&data=02%7C01%7Ctriljones%40LWSD.org%7C0566ed9807f8448bdc5708d856637213%7C1fd4673fdf9646218638a1d88c4c85d7%7C0%7C0%7C637354332399137584&sdata=Lua66mMA4fSJPtdffKI4GTgPgQQ08r%2BbL2YgCubd83k%3D&reserved=0).
* I will host an online 5th Grade Band Information Meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 15 at 6:30 pm.  This is mainly for parents of new beginners, but others can attend if they would like to.  I will try to give out a link to that by the end of this week.

Instruction starts the week of Sep. 21, with two asynchronous lessons a week, plus some optional live classes.  The first live class will be for full band, on Wednesday, Sep. 23 from 2:30 to 3:00 pm.  Questions? Please email Julie Werth [jwerth@lwsd.org](mailto:jwerth@lwsd.org)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Karen Barker

Principal