

Dear Boynton Parents and Students,

I hope you and your family are healthy and safe as you read this letter. It is hard to believe that we have been apart for 5 weeks. I know this has been a very difficult time for all of us as we try to keep our families healthy and safe while adjusting to our new school routine and way of life. Thank you so much for your understanding and patience. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times. Everyone has been doing an excellent job helping our students navigate through their learning, and I am so thankful. I truly miss seeing our school filled with our students, staff members, and parents. I miss all of your beautiful smiles and interacting with you daily. Boynton is an incredible school, and we have the best students, staff members, and parents any principal could dream of. I know that we will get through this and be back together again soon.

As you know, distance learning for the Catoosa County School System is in full motion with our Digital Learning Plan. Our goal is to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students while schools are closed but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also want to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees are enduring during this time.

Digital Learning is Monday – Thursday. Fridays are family fun days. 😊

We understand that Digital Learning Days may be challenging for parents and students. Here are some resources if you need assistance with Digital Learning and technology.

- ✚ **Assignment Assistance:** Teachers are working. For assistance with assignments please contact your teacher through Google Classroom, email, Remind, or See Saw. Students can also join Google Meets with their teachers daily/weekly to receive digital instruction and ask questions. Please visit the school website for Teachers' email addresses. They are located under the staff directory tab.
- ✚ **Technology Support (Phone Hours): **Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm****
 - RHS, RMS, TCE, RPS, RES, and GES: Call 706-265-1020
 - HHS, HMS, Boynton, BES, BPS, and Woodstation: Call 706-965-1021
 - LFO, LMS, PLC, COA, WSE, and CSE: Call 706-965-1022
- ✚ **Device Exchange and Repair:** Call the Tech Support lines for directions.
- ✚ **Chromebook/iPad Care/Instructions:** www.catoosa.k12.ga.us, Parent Quick Links

As we navigate through the remainder of the year together, I would like to answer some of the questions you may have.



Question: Will there be grades given during the 4th 9 weeks?

Yes, teachers are collecting assignments & posting grades in Infinite Campus (Grades 2-5). Kindergarten teachers are completing GKIDS & 1st Grade teachers will continue to complete the Standards-Bases Report Cards. Teachers are working hard to give valued feedback for student assignments. Students will have the opportunity to re-do, retake, or make up assignments. Please contact your child's teacher for instructions on how to do this.

Question: Will 3rd, 4th and 5th grades be taking the Georgia Milestones Test this year?

No, the Georgia Department of Education has cancelled Georgia Milestones testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Question: Will there be time to register my child in the Pre-K Drawing?

Yes, the Pre-K Drawing will be June 16th (Live Streamed). Dr. Nichols and Mrs. Haynes will be at the food distribution center at LFO on the Mondays of April 27th, May 4th, and May 11th to hand-out Pre-K forms to parents. County reps will wait for the parent while the forms are filled out on site, or the parents can take the forms home and drop them off the following week. **May 11th is the deadline for entry** and after that they will be automatically put on the waiting list. If we are still on social distancing guidelines, then enrollment may have to be virtual or by appointment.

Question: Will my child be able to register for Pre-K & Kindergarten?

Yes, Catoosa County Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be held at the Enrollment Center at 108 High Street, Ringgold, GA. Boynton's registration will be Wednesday, July, 8th from 8:00-11:00 and 12:30-4:00. We will have a separate screening date for our new students. This date will be determined at a later date.

Question: When will we be able to come clean out our child's desk/cubby and drop off our digital devices and library books?

School is not ending until our regularly scheduled date of May 22nd. A plan for device and library book drop off and desk/cubby clean out will be looked at before school is out and parents will be notified.

Question: When can I pick-up my child's medication?

We will schedule a day in May for parents to pick up medication. A text message will be sent out to notify parents. If you have an emergency and need your child's medication sooner, please contact Nurse Stacy at sslatton.boy@catoosa.k12.ga.us Mrs. Scott & Nurse Stacy will set up an appointment with you to collect your child's medication.

Question: Will there be a 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony?

Yes, we are planning a virtual promotion on-line ceremony using the recording studio at Peavine Church. The ceremony will air on Friday, May 22nd @ 11:00 am. We will recognize student achievement, present all of our 5th grade awards, and include our presentation of names for promotion. We will have our 5th grade slideshow for family members to view. Please make sure that you send your 2

pictures for the slideshow to Alison Pilkington at apilkington.boy@catoosa.k12.ga.us Immediately following the on-line ceremony, students and parents will have the opportunity to celebrate our students' accomplishments at Boynton's Car Rider line. We will be handing out awards, giving gifts, taking pictures, and congratulating our students. My hope is that in August we will be able to have a special lunch for our 5th graders and complete our 5th grade walk. The date will be announced.

Question: Will we still have our Boynton Homecoming for our Boynton Seniors?

Yes, we are looking at having our Boynton Homecoming if restrictions are lifted sometime in the late summer or early August. The date will be announced.

Question: What about Boynton Yearbooks for 2019-2020?

You can order your yearbook online by going to www.ybpay.lifetouch.com & use CODE #4345020. Please send any pictures you have taken to Richelleyearbook@gmail.com

Parents can still purchase ads for their children by emailing Richelle Scott at the address above.

Question: Will the school system continue to provide meals during closure?

Yes, each Monday from April 6 through May 18, meals for a week will be available at LFO High School from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

For families who do not have transportation to LFO High School, **Meal Delivery** will be provided. Email smason@catoosa.k12.ga.us or call 706-965-0266 and provide Name, Address, Phone Number, and the Number of Children needing meals.

Question: Will parents/guardians receive a refund for cancelled field trips?

Yes, parents will be reimbursed fees paid for field trips. We will be working over the next several weeks to reimburse field trips.

I know that you may have other questions that have not been addressed. Please do not hesitate to reach out and send me an email at jscott@catoosa.k12.ga.us if you need anything. Even though we are apart, our Boynton Team is here for our students and parents. Looking forward to the day when we all can be together again. Sending lots of love, hugs, and smiles to all of our families.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Scott
Principal Boynton Elementary

