

Dear GFW Students and Parents,

We continue to hope all families are staying healthy through this COVID-19 time period. As we quickly approach the end of the school year, this update includes a review of the timeline for instruction and has the details for the plan to collect district issued materials.

End of Instructional Year

A reminder that the instructional year for students that have completed everything will end this Friday. Any students still having work to complete after Friday will have the week of May 26-28 to get the time and support they need to finish it. Teachers are to have final grades submitted by noon on Friday, May 29th. If you have questions or concerns you should contact your child's teacher or the building principal.

Plan to Collect School Issued Materials

Each year at the conclusion of the school year there is a need to collect items that belong to the school. This year with the closing of schools presents us with the opportunity to develop a plan to gather the materials students currently have that belong to the school. The majority of the items are technology related such as chargers, chromebooks, iPads, or hotspot connections. There may also be additional items such as textbooks, library books, calculators, etc.

The district will be using two different plans for the PrK-6th grade and the 7-12 grades. Please review the plans below and contact the building principals or myself with any questions or concerns.

PreK-6 Collection Plan

Families are invited to participate in a family parade for students in grades PreK-6 on **Wednesday, May 27th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** at the primary building in Gibbon. All families should have received details regarding the parade route around the school. On the Chase Avenue side of the building, there will be staff there to do curbside collection of any technology equipment or other school materials. **You are asked not to get out of the vehicle at any point during the parade.** In the event of rain, the parade will be on Thursday, May 28th. Please check the district website and Facebook page for updates. If your family is unable or chooses not to participate in the parade, you may drop your school items during any of the times that are listed below for the 7-12 grade collection.

7-12 Grade Collection Plan

The district will be providing two different days for students or families of students in grades 7-12 to drop off school issued technology items or other school materials at one of the buildings in the district. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 26th

Intermediate School (Fairfax) - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Primary School (Gibbon) - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School (Winthrop) - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28th

Intermediate School (Fairfax) - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Primary School (Gibbon) - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School (Winthrop) - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It is our desire that all families will use the times we established for collection, but we also understand it may be difficult for some families to make it work in their schedules. Following these three days of collection, the district will identify those families that have not returned the items issued to them. A contact will be made with each of those families to set up a time for drop off at a school location or pick up of the items at their residence.

The past two and a half months have been extremely different for all of us in dealing with this situation. On behalf of all GFW staff members I want to thank our students and our families for their patience, dedication and hard work. We look forward to having students back in the buildings in the fall. We have missed the energy, enthusiasm and positivity you bring to each day. Again, if you have any questions please contact a building principal or myself to assist you.

Take care and stay healthy,

Lonnie Seifert, Superintendent
GFW Schools