

April 8th, 2020

Dear Students and Families,

As we are unsure of the future, our administration has asked the teachers to be prepared to start distance learning starting tentatively on April 13th, 2020. What does this mean? This means that the teachers will be utilizing a virtual platform for teaching and learning called Google Classroom. Teachers are being asked to provide learning materials via Google Classroom. The students will receive all their materials online, work online, as well as submit work online. We will still be utilizing some of the other resources that are familiar to you and the students such as, Lexia, Epic, World Book Online, Pearson Realize, BrainPOP, Prodigy, etc. Google classroom is where all assignments are going to be given and turned in.

We are going to try and make this as easy as possible for parents and students, as this is a new way of learning for all of us. Our goal is to make the assignments, so the students can complete, and turn them in over the course of a few days. Again, this is all new for everyone, teachers included so we will hopefully make this a productive learning experience as we work through these uncertain times.

How to set up Google Classroom: Our fifth-grade students have been using the following information to access our Chrombooks

SBCS Google Account:

Username: Firstname.Lastname@southbuffalocs.org

Password: !StudentIDNumber or !StudentDOB

The first part of every student password begins with !Student and the second part consists of the unique five digit student ID number found in PowerSchool (ex. !Student14015). Parents should have access to this number as well. Some students may be required to use their date of birth for the numeric portion of the password, but they should have this memorized by now. The students are accustomed to using the first part of their username (Firstname.Lastname) to sign into the Chromebooks because the devices are programmed to automatically include the domain (@southbuffalocs.org). **The students may forget to add our domain (@southbuffalocs.org) to their username when they enter their credentials.**

Once the students are logged into their google accounts, they can “**join a classroom**” and they will need to join **all four** of the following classrooms (make sure they are joining their correct homeroom C or D):

Class Codes

5D ELA-hwexdhh
5D S.Studies-2iwnu7g
5D Math-xmsb7c4
5D Science-k5jxs2b

5C ELA-nlffiif
5C S.Studies- cwwtmv5
5C Math-e2v6woe
5C Science- c4hznj2

The teachers are going to have new office hours starting April 13th. The office hours are a time where the students and parents can ask questions and seek help with an assignment via Remind. The office hours for each teacher are listed below:

Office Hours:

Ms.Basior- 10-11 and 3-4 (Math and Science Help)

Mr.Nguyen/Mrs.Witkowski – 11-12 and 2-3 (ELA and Social Studies Help)

The students should also be checking their google calendar for assignments and due dates. It is linked with google classroom where the students can access their calendar from their news feed.

Students should be added to the classrooms no later than April 10th, as virtual classes will tentatively begin on April 13th. Please let us know if you need any help with this.

Thank you,

Ms. Basior, Mrs. Witkowski, and Mr. Nguyen 😊

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