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To: Parents and Guardians
From: JCC Administration
Re: Virtual School Days

We are writing to share information regarding an initiative Jackson County Central Schools is launching called “Virtual School Days.” This term refers to a day when school is cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergency. The school board has approved four days that may be used as a Virtual School Day. As in the past, parents/guardians will be notified of school closings through a phone call, text, and/or email using our automated messaging system. On days when school must be closed, students will now participate in curriculum-aligned learning opportunities from home. Using this approach will alleviate the need for students to make up days during scheduled vacation breaks or to attend additional school days at the end of the school year.

The Virtual School Day plans for each grade level were developed by JCC teachers with the support of our school administrators. As with any new initiative, there may be some unforeseen issues that occur. Please know that we will take these into consideration as we continue to improve this new learning experience for our students. Also, note that our elementary buildings will have a slightly different approach than the Middle School and High School. Below is an outline of what a Virtual School Day will look like for each age group.

Pleasantview Elementary School: (Preschool-Grade 5)–Principal Tammy Timko-662-6218
Riverside Elementary School: (Preschool–Grade 5)–Principal Joel Timmerman –847-5963

During a Virtual School Day, elementary students will choose from a list of learning options, including both digital and hands-on assignments. These assignments are designed to complement current classroom curriculum. These learning options have been created by each grade level team and will be sent home with students in the form of a “choice board”. Specific information, such as what students are expected to complete, how they will show that they have completed the work, and how to contact your child’s teacher with questions, will be provided from your teacher at fall conferences. All assignments will be due to the classroom teacher within three days of returning to regular classes.

JCC Middle School: (Grades 6 - 8) – Principal Chris Naumann – 662-6625
& JCC High School: (Grades 9 - 12) – Principal Larry Traetow - 847-5310

Students at JCC Middle and High School will use Schoology to do their work. Students have been using Schoology to document their learning through the guidance of their teachers at school for some time now. By using their Schoology login information, students can access the programs they need through their iPad, Chromebook, other mobile device, or on a computer. If a Virtual School Day occurs, students will login to their Schoology account and complete the learning tasks assigned by their teachers for each of their classes. JCC Middle/High school teachers will have the day’s plans posted on their Schoology accounts by 10:00 am on the Virtual School Day. Teachers will be available for questions and discussion via Schoology and school email throughout the day. For students who don’t have internet access on inclement weather days, their teacher will provide resources for them when they return to regular classes. All students will have three days to complete the Virtual School Day assignments.

We are excited to have crafted a plan that provides a unique learning opportunity for our students when Mother Nature/emergencies prevents them from attending school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Virtual School Days, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.