

# Pioneer Slate

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We certainly miss the students’ smiling faces, the noise in the hallways, the laughter and conversations in the cafeteria and on the playground. We are all learning together how to navigate these uncharted waters. We thank you for being our partner in our effort to continue providing education for our students. The teachers and I meet weekly to discuss what is working, what we need to change and adjust. For these meetings to be most effective it is important that you are honest and open with your child(ren)’s teachers when they check in to see how things are going. We know that some of our students have high speed internet and printing capability, other families are making the most of a cell phone and a limited data plan. We know that some homes have multiple students that all need the computer or device at the same time. We also realize that some parents put in a full day of work before being able to help a student with his/her work. We are working to help all students regardless of their unique circumstances and sometimes figuring out what works takes time – especially as we develop systems and processes. We thank you for your patience as we learn, develop and grow in what we can offer. We also thank you for helping your child with their education. While we can provide the materials and support only you can be sure your child is engaging with it.

## Reminder

**Open Enrollment:** If you know anyone that is considering open enrolling to Sevastopol, please be sure they fill out the open enrollment information on the DPI website. If your children are currently open enrolled there is not a need to do this again, your child(ren) will continue to be enrolled in the district. The exception to this would be if you were in the district and moved out-of-district this year and want to continue having your child attend this fall.

## Other Notes

**Resource:** If you have a student needing enrichment or perhaps additional practice this page can help you help them by finding appropriate apps on various platforms that can assist your child(ren). It can be found here: <https://www.understood.org/en/tools/tech-finder> Check it out.



**Printer:** If you are in need of a printer, it sounds like some have found a reasonable option at Wal-mart for about \$29. Know that we will print and mail materials to families that need that service.



**Material Return:** For families wanting/needing to return print materials to teachers we will be providing blue bins/totes near door #3 under the overhang. Please be aware that it will take some time for us to distribute the materials to the teachers as we will only be bringing the bins in once-per-week at this point. Remember that if you have the technology to do so, you can always take a picture with your phone and email that instead of dropping of paperwork.



**Computer Usage Expectations:** On-line video conferences set up by teachers as well as other platforms generated from school still require students to adhere to proper use expectations. They are to handle any of these situations as though they were taking place in school. Much like in school, if computer use was deemed inappropriate, it can result in a student being withheld from access. Alternate assignments would be given to a student found to be using it inappropriately. This includes video chat rooms, google classroom



as well as other platforms. A warning will be given, and a second infraction will result in a removal for a period of time. Parents, we ask that you please check on your child(ren)'s use to be sure it is in compliance.



**Construction update:** Some have wondered where things stand as far as the construction project. There has been progress made including electrical work on the inside of the building. Most visible is a new shed that is taking shape in the back parking lot area. Because construction is considered an essential job, this work will continue. You can see some of this on the district's Facebook page Friday morning.



**Participation:** Parents, we are hoping that you can keep your child(ren) engaged in the materials that teachers are providing. While every family has their own unique circumstances that they need to navigate, we would like to encourage you to keep your child reading (or find a way to read to them. There are a number of on-line stories being read in these times including:

- <https://m.youtube.com/user/StorylineOnline/videos>
- <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Additionally, engaging your child(ren) in the materials provided will help limit the impact of the "summer slide". Every year when children return in the fall teachers see the time away from school has caused kids to take a step back in their learning progress. With our current situation, not engaging kids would be similar to having a 5 month break instead of the usual 3 months (assuming the current version of school continues until the end of May). Please help us help your child(ren) avoid that slide.

**Calendar:** We have April 9 through the 13 as days off. As with the traditional calendar, we will continue that and there will be no classes or expectations for doing schoolwork those dates. It may be a chance to get caught up if you and your child(ren) choose to do so. We will get back to it on Tuesday, April 14.



**Summer Enrichment Classes:** A decision on summer enrichment classes has not yet been made. Although it is in a holding pattern for the time being, once a decision has been made that information will be shared out to the district.

**The Memory Book** deadline has been extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>. To place your order you can email Missy at [mforry@sevastopol.k12.wi.us](mailto:mforry@sevastopol.k12.wi.us) or call her at 920-249-5082. Payment is due when the books are delivered. Delivery date is TBD because of COVID-19.

**Food Delivery:** The district staff that has been riding the buses has really enjoyed seeing the smiling faces. Please know that you are always eligible for food delivery for any child in your home under 18. If your situation has changed and/or you have questions about the program, please contact Casey at [candrews@sevastopol.k12.wi.us](mailto:candrews@sevastopol.k12.wi.us)

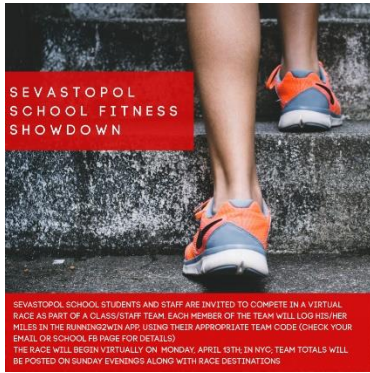


#### Physical Education Challenge:

The Sevastopol School PE department is excited to introduce a school-wide interactive idea for getting active during this time of social isolation. All Sevastopol students and staff members are invited to join the Sevastopol School Fitness Showdown. Students/families will log activity mileage and compete as a class team to try to beat the teachers and staff in a virtual race from New York City, NY to San Francisco, CA. More details can be found on the district's Facebook page starting on Thursday, April 9. See the next page and Facebook for details.

Thank you,

Aaron Hilts  
Elementary Principal



Alright Sevastopol staff and students, here is a fun way to log your physical activity! Participants will use the running2win app to join a team and log miles. Team totals will be posted once a week!

You don't have to be a runner to join this challenge ... Here are some different ideas for accumulating miles:

### Activity Ideas

Track your **steps** 2,000 steps = 1 mile

**Walk**, **run**, or **bike** and add your mileage to the running2win app

For every 15 minutes of activity you can log ½ **mile**. Activity ideas include:

- Shooting hoops or dribbling a **basketball**
- Playing **football**, **baseball**, **softball**, **soccer**, **volleyball**, **kickball**, with your family
- Doing a **strength training workout**: planks, push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, burpees, mountain climbers, squats, lunges, etc.

Be CREATIVE, but most importantly ... Be ACTIVE!! Log your mileage as often as possible.

### Joining a Team

Once you have created an account with running2win, you can "Find / Join a Team" use the team name OR the associated code below to sign up for the appropriate team. Once you have requested to join your team, a notification will be sent to the race director (Mrs. Wiesner). The race director will approve your request and you will be ready to race.

Families with multiple students in different grade levels may need to create multiple accounts OR you have the option of joining multiple teams, using the same login. However, please note that if you use one login for multiple teams, each family member will have the same mileage, you will not be able to record different mileage for each child.

Please contact the race director, Mrs. Wiesner, with any questions:

[jwiesner@sevastopol.k12.wi.us](mailto:jwiesner@sevastopol.k12.wi.us)

Sevastopol School Staff

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Sevastopol School Kindergarten & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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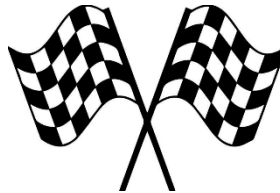
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### **Virtual Race**

Starting Line: New York City, NY on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Teams will race to the following checkpoints:

- Philadelphia, PA
- Washington DC
- Charlotte, NC
- Atlanta, GA
- Jacksonville, FL
- Orlando, FL
- Tallahassee, FL
- Mobile, AL
- Nashville, TN
- Louisville, KY
- St Louis, MO
- Kansas City, KC
- Denver, CO
- Albuquerque, NM
- Flagstaff, AZ
- Grand Canyon North Rim
- Las Vegas, NV
- Reno, NV
- Sacramento, CA



Finish line: San Francisco, CA.