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Dear Bayless Families,

While each day we learn of new developments regarding the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic and how it may affect our community, I want to take this opportunity to assure you: "The faculty and staff of the Bayless School District will stand with and for you as we embrace this new normal."

This current crisis, though admittedly scary and chaotic, provides our school community real opportunities to grow and learn as previous generations have since Bayless' founding in 1868. Our school community has lived through many crises in the past, including numerous wars, societal revolutions and pandemics. We will survive this one as well.

This email includes several important updates regarding the school closure through Friday, April 3. Please read this message carefully and watch for additional updates from your child's principal and teachers.

Bayless is here for you. While our buildings may be temporarily closed, educating your children and serving this community will continue.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Tucker

Bayless Faculty Contact Information

Bayless School District is committed to maintaining strong lines of communication while we battle this pandemic. Your child's classroom teachers may be contacted via their email. Below is the District's website and the individual school directories:

- [Bayless School District Website](#)
- [Bayless Early Childhood Center Faculty Directory](#)
- [Bayless Elementary School Faculty Directory](#)
- [Bayless Junior High School Faculty Directory](#)
- [Bayless High School Faculty Directory](#)

Your student's principals will monitor daily the instruction being provided. They will also respond to family needs during this closure. Should you have issues or concerns that your teacher cannot help you with, please call or email your principal during office hours (8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday).

- Early Childhood Principal Crisis Ly: cly@bayless.k12.mo.us, (314) 288-5592



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- Junior High Principal Doug Harness: dharness@bayless.k12.mo.us, (314) 221-9787
- High School Principal Pat McEvoy: pmcevoy@bayless.k12.mo.us, (314) 568-1246
- Special Education Admin Jenny Grigsby: jgrigsby@bayless.k12.mo.us, (314) 989-8566

Computer and Internet Access (K-12)

- If your student does not have access to a computer at home, please communicate directly with your teacher or principal. For other access issues, please email elarning@bayless.k12.mo.us. Please include the names of each student and their grade level or teacher's name.
- Spectrum is waiving installation fees and providing 60-day Internet access for families during the COVID-19 crisis. Please call 844-488-8395 for details.

Meals

- Families in need of meal assistance during the school closure are encouraged to sign up for free meals by filling out this online form: [Bayless Schools COVID-19 Meal Assistance Sign Up](#)
- All Bayless residents under the age of 18 are eligible for free meals.
- Meals will be distributed at Bayless Elementary School each work-day between the hours of 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.
- Meals will be cold served with lunch and breakfast for the following day included.

Virtual and Alternative Forms of Instruction

- Providing virtual instruction each day will allow your student to connect with teachers and classmates online, continue math and literacy instruction, and provide a sense of normalcy in their daily routine.
- Look for communication from your child(ren)'s principal(s) and teacher(s) by the end of the day Monday, March 23.
- Early Childhood teachers will provide resources for engaging play-based learning experiences at home (with and without technology).
- The primary focus areas for Elementary are literacy and mathematics with [i-Ready](#) online adaptive instruction. In addition, teachers will provide activity menus for engaging hands-on learning experiences at home.
- Junior High and High School teachers will continue to support any learning that was assigned prior to spring break and can be continued at home. Lessons, activities and assignments will be posted in Google Classroom by 8:30 AM daily for students to access.
- Reading specialists, ELL specialists, counselors, social workers, and special education staff will be collaborating in support of your student's needs.



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Activities, Athletics and Events Canceled

- All activities, athletics and events are canceled through Sunday, April 5. This includes all athletic competitions and practices, Community Ed and Rec programming, performances, clubs, meetings and outside rentals.

Special Issues or Circumstances

In the event you need access to the school building to retrieve medications or other essential personal items, please contact your school principal. We will arrange a time, by appointment, for you to visit. We appreciate your understanding of this restriction as we attempt to follow CDC and County health guidelines for gatherings and social distancing.

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Moving Forward

During the next two weeks, Bayless' custodial and facilities staff will be working hard to deep clean, sanitize and keep our buildings safe and healthy for staff and students. I would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and support. Thank you also to our teachers, administrators and staff who are devoting countless hours to ensure that education continues for Bayless students.

Difficult times can bring out the best in all of us. Watching our community come together and support one another gives me hope for our children and our future. Thank you again for your understanding and patience as we navigate this new landscape. We will continue to keep you updated, as pertinent information comes available.