



July 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Arvin Union School District Students,

Today brings us within one week of the first day of school for 2020-2021! We will begin Distance Learning classes on Thursday, August 6th. I thank all of you for your support and understanding as we, as a school district and community, have needed to respond to the multiple impacts of COVID-19.

While the district is dedicated to educating students, our first priority is the safety of families and staff. Kern County's position on the State Monitoring List requires opening with 100% Distance Learning. The model for Arvin includes a required number of instructional minutes for each grade level. Student attendance and participation is mandatory – please know, the first few days of school will be a work in progress for all of us moving toward the goal of full implementation. Throughout the upcoming weeks, daily online instruction will be led directly by your child's teacher. This will be followed by required independent worktime supported by small group instruction or individual contact during the afternoons. Until all students have Wifi this time will be especially focused on students who were not able to log in.

There will be so many exciting ways to enjoy teaching and learning on the computer as we all learn together to overcome the challenges of distance learning!!!

Our focus at this time is accomplishing the following:

1. Schedules to start the year.
2. Schedules for teacher/student time and independent work as required.
3. Distributing a Chromebook to EVERY student – Grades TK through 8.
4. Distribution of materials for use at home.
5. Wi-fi for all is our goal, yet they have not yet arrived. In the meantime, teachers will be connecting with you to share student assignments and we will ensure your technology needs are met as soon as devices are received.
6. Training for teaching and learning online.
7. Developing teacher-made lessons in CANVAS for your child.

Again, thank you for working with the district to turn challenges into opportunities utilizing technology in ways never imagined!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georgia Rhett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Georgia Rhett, Superintendent