



March 24, 2020

Dearest Parents and Students,

On behalf of all of the Faculty and Staff at M. S. Ryan Elementary, I pray that you and your family are doing well, keeping healthy and safe. This is of the utmost importance and should be your highest priority. We ask that you use this time to lean on and care for one another with patience and love. It is important that your child(ren) feel safe and secure during these uncertain times. I urge you to continue to follow all of the guidelines and recommendations from our local, state, and national leaders on the importance of staying home, limiting your outings to only what is very essential, and social distancing.

Since the week designated for Spring Break is over, our students' instructional time has begun. Before leaving for the break, our teachers prepared instructional packets for all of our students from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to be worked on and completed this week. Our dedicated teachers are planning lessons for our students to continue their learning. Packets for next week's assignments are on-line on the LISD webpage and will be available for pick-up by the end of this week. In addition, I encourage all of our students to read and participate in the L.I.S.D. A.R. challenge that starts Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and will run through Sunday, April 5, 2020.

It is important that your child(ren) complete these instructional activities for their academic success. Recognizing the importance of teacher-student engagement, our teachers are also preparing to conduct lessons online and make contact with parents/guardians.

We invite all parents and students to come by our school every day between 9:30 am and 12:00 pm for our "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch sacks. Distribution is at the Drop-off/Pick-up area on Martin Ave. We invite our students to tune in to Facebook every evening at 8:30 pm to listen to bedtime stories from our staff members. We also encourage you to send us pictures of your children learning at home for us to share with our community. Please look for updates through Remind, our Ryan webpage, Facebook, and Twitter. Our facilities may be closed, but the learning will not stop!

On a final note, I want to thank our amazing Assistant Principals, Teachers, and Support Staff for all their instructional planning and preparing, our dedicated cafeteria staff for our daily meals, and our tireless custodial staff for thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting our school.

Mighty Bobcats please remember, you are truly missed!

May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Miss Elsa Flores,  
Principal