

March 21, 2020

Lobit Families,

I hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits! We have been working hard to come up with a plan to meet the diverse needs of our student population during this crisis, and we will try to communicate with you as best we can through virtual platforms. Our goal as educators is to ensure that your child grows and succeeds, no matter the circumstances.

Weekly Assignments

Every Monday morning, we will be posting assignments for students to complete for the week. You can find assignments by clicking on the grade level button on the Lobit Middle School website.



- This link will take you to a page where you will see folders for each subject area; click on each content area and you will see the week's work. Students are to complete **at least 3 out of the 6 activities** each week **for each subject**, but are allowed to choose which assignments to complete. This means that, at minimum, students should be completing 12 assignments per week.
 - If you want students to have extended practice, encourage them to complete all 6 in each subject.
- Teachers from BMS, DMS, and LMS are all submitting activities, so some will be labeled by campus. This does NOT mean that your child has to only choose activities from his/her campus. Have your child choose ANY 3 of the activities.
- Suggested PE and Elective assignments will be posted on teachers' websites, so be sure to check their webpages. These will not appear in the paper handouts.
- In addition, teachers will be posting resources on their websites such as videos of mini lessons, lectures, models, demonstrations, links to notes and anchor charts, power points, and other online resources to help students complete the assignments. Please make sure you are checking teacher websites. To access an individual teacher's webpage, click on his/her **position**, not his/her name.

Paper Copies

If you are unable to access materials online, we will print out copies and place them in boxes outside of the front door of the school for you to pick up on Mondays only. The school will be closed and no staff will be working, but the copies will be outside if you need them. Please practice social distancing and allow only one person at the boxes at a time.

- All middle school students in DISD will complete the same packet (either online or paper copy), so you can pick up copies from any of the three middle schools.
- Packets will be outside from 12:00 noon - 4 p.m. on Mondays.
- There will be two different sets of packets, so please only get the one that applies to you.
- Packet options: 5th grade and 6th grade

How to Get Help

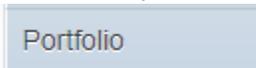
If your student needs help, they will be able to email their teachers for support in addition to the resources found on teacher web pages. Teachers will be posting teaching videos, notes, charts, examples, vocabulary, etc. that will help students complete the assignments.

- Each teacher will post their available “office hours” where students can get immediate feedback. While teachers will be monitoring email throughout the work hours of 7:30-3:30 and responding to students and parents, they will have a block of time on multiple days where the feedback will be nearly instant.

Report Cards

Report cards for the 3rd 9 weeks have been posted in Skyward. Please follow these directions for accessing them:

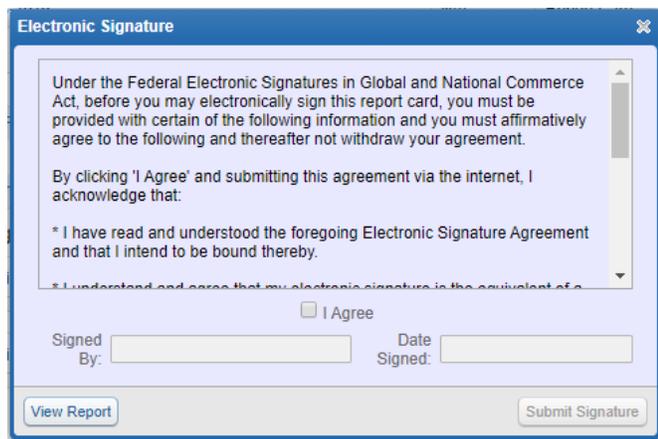
Once in Skyward Family Access, select the “Portfolio” tab on the left.



Then, click on the NW3 Report Card

[3rd 9wks 19-20](#)

Then the Electronic Signature window will appear. Read the agreement, click “I agree,” and click “Submit Signature.” You may then click “View Report” (if it doesn’t appear automatically).

A screenshot of a web browser window titled "Electronic Signature". The window contains a scrollable text area with the following text: "Under the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, before you may electronically sign this report card, you must be provided with certain of the following information and you must affirmatively agree to the following and thereafter not withdraw your agreement. By clicking 'I Agree' and submitting this agreement via the internet, I acknowledge that: * I have read and understood the foregoing Electronic Signature Agreement and that I intend to be bound thereby. * I understand and agree that my electronic signature is the equivalent of a handwritten signature." Below the text area is a checkbox labeled "I Agree". At the bottom of the window, there are two input fields: "Signed By:" and "Date Signed:". At the very bottom, there are two buttons: "View Report" and "Submit Signature".

Google Apps Account

Students may need to log into their DISD google apps account at home. [Click here for step-by-step instructions.](#)

Counseling Services

We understand that these are challenging times and students may be experiencing anxiety and fear as we adjust to this new way of life. Our school counselor is available to email, call, or have video conferences with any student who needs extra support. Please reach out to our counselor, Patrice Carhart, at pcarhart@dickinsonisd.org for more information about how we can help support your student.

Students in Bilingual and Special Education

Bilingual and Special Education teachers will be posting resources, accommodations, modifications, videos, vocabulary, and visuals that will help students complete their assignments on their personal webpages.

We will work with you to ensure your students have successful learning experiences during this time. We encourage all of you to closely follow CDC guidelines regarding social distancing and hand washing. We also ask that you encourage your child to spend time each day completing their assignments and reading for at least 30 minutes. We appreciate your continued support and encourage you to email me, Assistant Principal Nancy Segura, or your child's teachers with any questions.

Sincerely,

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