

## ELEMENTARY VIRTUAL CONNECTION

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families!



In the last newsletter, I shared that virtual teachers were engaging our students in fall assessments to better understand the academic strengths and areas of growth for each child. Unlike some other traditional tests, these are ones that are not meant to require studying or preparing for a certain level of mastery. These are intended to be screeners, allowing educators to determine what new learning is needed “next” for students.

With this important information, families will begin to see a shift in our virtual learning plan. As shared, new asynchronous learning will be recorded and posted Canvas or SeeSaw. Teachers will then use synchronous learning opportunities to instruct from these recordings in small groups to reinforce and/or extend this learning. The differences between asynchronous and synchronous learning are illustrated in the graphic included in this week’s newsletter. That message, along with other informational items for virtual learning, may be found at [Covid-19 Information/ Virtual Learning](#) from the ECASD website.

Thank you for your support and communication as we continue to grow our virtual learning program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns by calling 715-852-3070 or by email at [lschlichting@ecasd.us](mailto:lschlichting@ecasd.us).

Partnering with you,

Laura Schlichting, Elementary Virtual Program Administrator

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Nov. 16 and Nov. 23 Virtual Family Conferences
- Tue., Nov. 24-Sun., Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Break; No virtual learning expectations

### TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

[Technology Support/Resources](#)



### Materials Pick-up for Cohort C Students on Friday, October 23rd

**CV Montessori** - Door 1 from 9:45-10:30 and 4:00-5:00.

**Flynn** - Pick up student materials at door # 2 from 7:45-8:15 am or 4:00-4:30 pm.

**Lakeshore** - Drive thru style in parking lot-stay in cars from 9:00-11:00 and 3:30-4:30.

**Locust Lane** - Door 1 4:00 –6:00 pm.

**Longfellow** - Door 2 (gym doors) from 1:00-2:30.

**Manz** - Drive up format from 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Meadowview** -7:30 am – 8:00 am and 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm at Door 1 off of Fairfax Street.

**Northwoods** - Door 1 from 7:00am to 8:00am and 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

**Putnam Heights** -Door 1; someone will come out to get your name and bring the items out. 7:45-8:30am & 4:15-4:45pm.

**Robbins** – Door 1 from 4:00-5:30 .

**Roosevelt** -Park in the bus lane and come to Door 1 to pick up items from 7:15-8:15am and 3:45-4:45pm.

**Sam Davey** -9:00-3:00 at the main entrance on Starr Avenue.

**Sherman** - Door 13 from 7:30-8:30am and 12-1pm.

## ***What's the Difference Between ASYNCHRONOUS & SYNCHRONOUS Learning?***

This school year, students and families have learned some new terms related to virtual learning—including *asynchronous* and *synchronous* learning. Both formats offer valuable teaching and learning opportunities for students. But what's the difference between the two?



### **ASYNCHRONOUS**

Students log in, view content and complete assignments on their own time.

Communication takes place through discussion posts, chats and email.

Provides greater flexibility for students and families.

Students can work at their own pace.



### **SYNCHRONOUS**

Students attend virtual class on specific days & times.

Communication with teachers and peers takes place in real time.

Students can ask questions and actively work with their classmates.

Allows for instant feedback and clarification.