



PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has given every county the opportunity to develop a plan so that students can learn at home in exchange for making up snow days. Preston County Schools created a plan and applied for the waiver for two very important reasons: 1) To reduce the amount of learning loss during difficult winters; and 2) To begin to take advantage of technology resources for learning opportunities outside the classroom. Preston County Schools was approved by WVDE to utilize reimagined time during the 2018-2019 school year.

Our plan, entitled “Brain Freeze”, will primarily utilize an Office 365 application called, “TEAMS”, which will allow students to receive instruction, assignments, and submit their work – all remotely. As we move forward, we anticipate TEAMS will assume a progressively larger role in the classroom experience, as it helps students and teachers track student work. The learning plan will also include websites and other interactive learning applications. More traditional learning opportunities will be available for younger students and for those who may not have access to the needed technology.

Our primary goals for this year will be to continue learning experiences for all students and to keep our approach simple and comfortable for teachers, students, and parents. In preparation for our “Brain Freeze” days, classroom teachers have created their own lessons that will serve as a continuation of in-class learning.

Designated days will be communicated with our traditional school closing messages (via Facebook, SchoolMessenger, the Preston County Schools website, and radio/television stations). Due dates for “Brain Freeze” day assignments will be specified with the assignment, but will typically include a short window of time after the actual snow day. Students will be held accountable for the learning that will take place on the Brain Freeze days through discussion and quick checks that classroom teachers do. Teachers will be available during the snow day to provide assistance and answer questions.

In the coming weeks, information will be coming from your child’s school regarding training for Brain Freeze for students and parents. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about this initiative so you can better support your child at home.

Our district makes decisions very carefully that affect the quality of instruction and the safety and well-being of your child. We feel this is a tool that will be beneficial in accomplishing both goals. Best wishes to each student and family for continued success this 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Wotring, Superintendent

Michelle Berry, Curriculum Director

Due November 9, 2018 to your homeroom teacher.

CHOOSE A OR B

A) _____ **I have internet** and will be attempting the online “Brain Freeze” activities

B) _____ **I do not have internet** and prefer to be given a paper copy of the “Brain Freeze” activities.

Parent’s Name:

Child’s Name:

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____