



Date: January 16, 2018
To: Parents/Guardians
From: Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Re: eLearning Days

As Kankakee Valley School Corporation continues to make technology an active part of teaching and learning in our district, we are continuing to have eLearning Days, as we did in the 2015- 2016 and 2016-17 school years. eLearning Days allow for school districts to offer instruction digitally so that schools are able to make up lost days due to inclement weather. As you know, the possibility of bad weather is always real for all of us in NW Indiana.

Kankakee Valley School Corporation is always looking to create the best of the educational process for our students and teachers. As KV students are getting accustomed to their blended learning environments, one more benefit to our growing 1:1 Initiative are eLearning Days. Winter weather can provide many negatives, but this year families at Kankakee Valley School Corporation will experience a big positive with the weather challenges: learning will continue in spite of inclement weather and we will lessen the make-up days at the end of the year. The Department of Education is working closely with Kankakee Valley Schools to advance electronic learning opportunities for our digital native youth, kids who know the world with computers and smartphones. The eLearning Day structure, forged in collaboration with educational innovators from IDOE's eLearning Division, will provide students and teachers valuable experience in the rapidly emerging eLearning realm. Our school staffs will create, deliver, assess and document eLearning instruction on snow make-up school days and even on the cancelled school day. These experiences are essential because most universities and a great many employers already use eLearning extensively.

For the 2017-2018 school year Kankakee Valley Schools will use our scheduled makeup days of February 16, 2018 and April 27, 2018 as eLearning Days to make up for two of our cancelled days. Students will be in school on May 31, 2018 and June 1, 2018 to make up the next two cancelled days. All remaining cancelled days will be eLearning Inclement Weather Days conducted on the cancelled day.

Our eLearning days will count as a real school days. What will these days look like for students? Students will be at home or at childcare and will access their learning through their computer, Chromebook, iPad, or laptop. Teachers will posts their assignments online by 9:00 am that day. Teachers will be available for student questions online from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, as well.

We are aware that not all students have Internet access at home. While assignments may require Internet access, students will not be penalized if they are unable to get online on the designated eLearning day. If you do not have Internet access we hope you will consider the library, McDonalds, etc... Also, a school computer lab will be open for family access to the Internet. In other words, you may come to the school with your student to use our Wifi. The high school lab will be open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on the eLearning day. Families may enter in the High School Guidance doors. Parents or guardians must supervise their children at all times. Students may not be dropped off and picked up at a later time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we continue to embrace technology and move towards innovative teaching and learning. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.