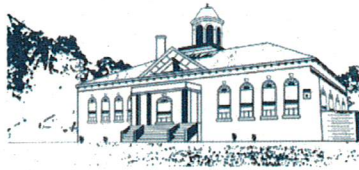


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November 15, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Derry Cooperative School District is pleased to announce that we will continue to use Blizzard Bag days during the 2018-2019 school year. The School District must have an 80% student participation rate to count the day as a school day. The District plans to participate in Blizzard Bag days up to five (5) times in the current school year.

The purpose of the Blizzard Bag Day is to allow Derry School District students the ability to use time out of the classroom due to snow, inclement weather or other emergency days as school days. The New Hampshire Department of Education will consider a Blizzard Bag Day as a school day when students engage in at-home learning opportunities that align with school and state standards and the School District has 80% participation by students.

In the event of a Blizzard Bag Day, students will be expected to complete the online Blizzard Bag assignments for their grade level. Each assignment will include a Google Form that students will submit online to demonstrate their participation. For students in Grade K through Grade 3, the link to the Google Form will be sent to parents/guardians as part of the teacher's Blizzard Bag email. Enclosed, please find an example of a Grade 3 participation Google Form. Students in Grades 4 through Grade 8 will access their Google Form in their Google Classrooms.

If families wish to print hard copies of Blizzard Bag materials in lieu of students submitting the work online, you will find the assignments and directions for printing materials on the Derry Cooperative School District's website at [www.sau10.org](http://www.sau10.org) under the Blizzard Bag section. Please contact either your child's school principal or secretary through either a letter or email by November 20th if you do not have access to a computer, and a hard copy of your child's Blizzard Bag will be printed for your family. Teachers will be available online on a Blizzard Bag Day during regular school hours to answer questions and assist students with assignments.

Your child will be expected to submit online or return the completed Blizzard Bag assignments to school within 48 hours of the Blizzard Bag Day. These completed assignments determine the District's attendance. The final Report Card will contain a Blizzard Bag grade of either *Attempted* or *Not Attempted*.

We will be running a test of the online Blizzard Bag on Monday, November 19, 2018. On that day you will receive an alert from our SwiftK12 Alert System indicating that we are conducting a test, and we ask that all students access their Blizzard Bag via the Derry Cooperative School District website [www.sau10.org](http://www.sau10.org). Although the assignments for the test should be simple and brief, students are requested to complete the assignment and submit their product online. If students do not have access to either the Internet or a device to complete the Blizzard Bag assignments online, please contact either your school principal or school secretary to arrange for a hard copy of the Blizzard Bag test, which once completed, should be submitted to the designated teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Superintendent Christopher Kellan at 432-1215 or [ckellan@sau10.org](mailto:ckellan@sau10.org).

Sincerely,

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