December 18, 2020

Parents & Guardians,

You may recall over Thanksgiving break, we asked you to use an online reporting system should your student test positive for COVID-19. We will employ this system, again over the winter break, to keep our reporting numbers as accurate as possible. The form is on our website bentonvillek12.org and may also be found HERE. It will be active Wednesday, December 23. Until then, all COVID-19 positive test results should still be reported to your school principal.

Once you complete the form, you may receive a follow up call from a District nurse to complete contact tracing information. We’re incredibly pleased to have completed this first semester of in-person learning. Hope, in the form of a vaccine, is on the horizon, but we’re not out of the woods. Please help us by limiting your family contacts this holiday season and reporting positive cases promptly.

We will conduct remote learning days Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22 and January 5. Teachers will maintain defined office hours to help your child with questions. I should also share that the Arkansas Public School Computer Network will disable the Home Access Center from December 20 until December 27 for an upgrade. You will not be able to check your child’s grades during this time.

This has been quite the year, hasn’t it? My thoughts go out to the families struggling because of the pandemic. I’m encouraged though as I continue to see the best in our school and work family as we care and support one another. I wish you a Merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debbie Jones
Superintendent, Bentonville Schools