

Dear Hawthorn Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we implement e-Learning days in Hawthorn School District 73.

As you know from earlier communication, our staff members have been working to develop plans that allow students to engage in learning from home during our e-Learning days (March 17th - March 20th and March 30th - April 3rd). Dr. Carmen Ayala, State Superintendent of Education at the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), has encouraged every school district to “develop a contingency plan to ensure students continue to receive some access to instructional resources in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19 . . . to keep students engaged in the curriculum and prevent learning loss.”

Toward that end, we have designed relevant and creative learning activities that encourage your child to create, connect, and explore! Our goal is for students to participate in learning that brings them joy and helps support their skill development. If you or your child have any questions about the learning activities posted in our e-Learning plans, please reach out to your child’s teacher(s) via email. Our staff members will respond to all messages sent prior to 3:00 p.m. on e-Learning days.

Please visit the Hawthorn District 73 e-Learning webpage at <https://www.hawthorn73.org/homelearning/> to access:

- e-Learning plans for each school and grade level.
- the [Hawthorn School District 73 E-Learning Guide for Parents and Guardians](#)(English and Español); please review this guide to support your child’s participation in e-Learning.
- district technology support and resources for internet access.
- additional information to support students and families.

Thank you, again, for your ongoing support as we work to ensure the health and safety of our Hawthorn community.

Sincerely,

Peter Hannigan, Ed.D  
School Superintendent