



Boozhoo COLA Students, Families, and Staff,

As we continue to battle this pandemic and extend the distance learning period through the end of the school year, I recognize that your personal and professional lives are disrupted even further. We are all affected in unique, yet equally challenging ways by COVID-19.

I want to continue to keep you informed, connected and inspired as we extend this distance learning journey.

Educator Professional Development (May 1 and 4)

This Friday (May 1) and Monday (May 4) are educator professional development days to prepare for the extension of distance learning through the end of our calendar school year. K-12 students do not have distance learning on these two days. We do not have to make up these student contact days.

- May 29 is the last day of K-12 distance learning.
- The 2020-21 school calendar is now posted with this letter update and will be shared via snail mail. We're all hoping that we will be able to be together again in the fall.

Deployment of K-12 Student Chromebooks and Jetpack Mobile Hotspots (May 4)

Next Monday (May 4), all K-12 students will receive their online distance learning technology. COLA will deploy Chromebooks and Jetpack Mobile Hotspots, to all K-12 students, via our Meals on Wheels bus routes. Students should be prepared to log-in to their Chromebooks on Tuesday (May 5) to connect virtually with their classroom teacher(s) and advisor(s).

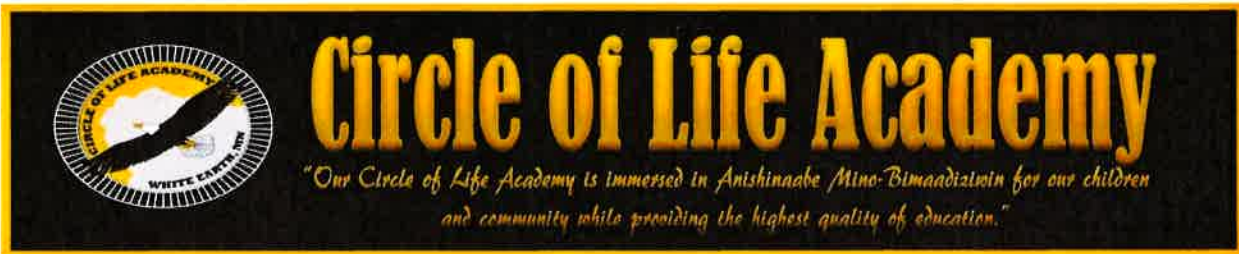
- Our bus drivers will not drop off any online distance learning technology, without first making student or family eye contact.
- Students and parents should first direct troubleshooting questions with COLA online distance learning technology to their classroom teachers or advisors.
- In partnership with our WERBC Instructional Technology team, COLA took the time to individually program each student's Chromebook and Jetpack hotspot for the most optimal online start-up experience. Miigwech aapiji to all involved in the online distance learning technology ordering, set-up, and deployment.

Your safety is of utmost importance.

As the virus spreads, communities across the nation are experiencing community spread at an increased rate. COLA is no different. We have a comprehensive school plan of action if a staff member is exposed or tests positive for COVID-19.

We care for our neighbors.

- Almost 7,000 mobile student meals have been shared. A huge shout out to our COLA food service team, the recent partnership with Shooting Star Casino food service, and our COLA transportation team!
- Last week, we distributed facemasks to all K-12 students. Thank you to our office and transportation teams for being the front lines in meeting this student need.
- We continue to support the economy and health of the community by "keeping it local" in as many ways as we are made aware of. Way to go to all who serve our kids and their families daily!



2020 Graduation Plans

We are committed to honoring the Class of 2020 as they finish out their high school careers in distance learning. Graduation plans are being finalized. Watch social media as we hope to release the plan soon.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4 through May 8)

Your COLA teachers and staff have worked hard all year to help your school thrive, and although some may now be working from home, they deserve a boost more than ever. Help us celebrate them with next week's schedule!

- **Monday – Say Thanks**
 - Send your child's teacher a note of thanks via email or snail mail.
- **Tuesday – Share Smiles**
 - Make your teacher smile (or laugh) with a picture or video message.
- **Wednesday – Send Gifts**
 - Consider giving your teacher a digital gift; Amazon has gift cards as low as \$1.00!
- **Thursday – Sing Praises**
 - Share an inspiration song with your teacher. You can sing it or send a video link!
- **Friday – Spread Love**
 - Use social media to give a positive shout-out to your child's teacher(s)!

While I remain confident about the implementation of our online Distance Learning plan, I also want to express how devastated I am that the lives of our students, staff and families are so greatly impacted. Our schedules at school have come to a forceful stop, and our classes, activities and performances are on hold. At this time, I am unable to confidently say when our schools will reopen for in-person learning.

All of us at COLA are working hard to earn your continued trust. I know the anxiety and uncertainty this situation brings. I sincerely thank you for your support as we navigate this new world of learning together.

Chi-miigwech and in your corner,

Jenna Leadbetter
School Superintendent

Circle of Life Academy - Year-Round School 2020-2021

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Legend		Holidays, Intersessions, & Break		Quarter		Dates		No. Student Contact Days		Time:	
	Intersessions or Winter Break		August 28 th - Half Day + Conferences	1	Aug 6 th - Oct 2 nd	40	Start Time: 8:30 a.m.	2	Oct 19 th - Dec 22 nd	44	Dismissal Time: 3:30 p.m.
	Instruction		September 7 th	2	Oct 19 th - Dec 22 nd	44	Total daily instructional minutes: 390	3	Jan 11 th - March 19 th	45	Total COLA instructional hours: 1,092
	Staff Professional Development		October 2 nd	3	April 6 th - May 28 th	39	Required BIE instructional hours: 970	4	Total Student Contact Days	168	Breakfast:
	Holiday		October 5 th - October 16 th	4	Total Staff Days	176	Lunch:				K-12 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
	COLA Round Dance		November 11 th								K-3 - 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
	COLA Powwow		November 25 th - 27 th								4-6 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	COLA Prom		December 23 rd - January 8 th								7-12 - 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	COLA Graduation and Last Day		January 18 th ; January 28 th - 29 th								
	Half Day + Conferences		February 12 th - Half Day + Conferences								
	Make Up Snow Days (if needed) / Summer Intersession		February 15 th ; February 16 th								
			March 22 nd - April 5 th								
			May 31 st								