



Fairlawn Local Schools

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Fairlawn Parents and Guardians,

The Fairlawn Board of Education passed a resolution for the 2018-2019 school year allowing our district to use three **Blizzard Bag** days if needed. These days would serve as calamity days with specific assignments for students to complete at home if we were to miss more than the standard five days. The State of Ohio set the number of hours needed for one school year at 1001 for students 6-12 and 910 for grades K-5. Fairlawn's normal calendar greatly exceeds those totals per year. The **Blizzard Bag** assignments on the school's webpage would be your child's assignments for that day. The assignments would be due two weeks after school resumes. Obviously, we would love to see the work completed when the students return to school; however, not all students have access to a computer or the resources to complete the work without assistance.

In the middle and high school grades, our staff is encouraged to assign work that must be completed and returned electronically. This is a great training ground for our students who will most likely have an online course or assignment in their future. Even most employment opportunities have some form of computer and electronic objectives. Our youngest students will complete worksheets or reading assignments at home. Like their older student colleagues, the younger students will have time to complete the work upon return to school if needed. All of our teachers will be available via email on these **Blizzard Bag** days if you or your children have questions regarding their assignments.

The district will place a One Call prior to the first of these days occurring to remind everyone. With the Ohio winter, we can expect this will most likely take place at some point this winter. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school via phone or email and we will address the issues. This is the first year Fairlawn is trying the **Blizzard Bag** approach. At the end of the school year, we will evaluate and discuss the process for future years. We simply believe days tacked onto the end of the year generally are dreaded and have the potential to be meaningless to our students as in their mind the school year is complete!

We hope this initiative is positive for our students.

Go Jets,

Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent