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Parents, guardians and students,

We would like to begin by thanking all of you for your dedication and perseverance as we quickly (to say the least) changed course and jumped into Distance Learning this past March. This change was not easy for anyone. All staff pitched in and we did our best to help students and our colleagues. We cannot thank all you enough for all your efforts in making the last four months of school successful for our students, your youngsters.

Now that we have finished our school year, it is time to reflect on what did or did not work, and what our plan is going forward. This summer we will prepare to educate your youngsters regardless of what type of medium we use and to do that, we will be using multiple sources of books, electronics, and most importantly writing journals and utilizing a variety of software. We are preparing our staff with more professional learning on a number of topics to better meet the challenges of educating your children.

The District has built a Summer Learning Website.  Here, you will find exciting things to do over the summer. You can access this website it from this link,

<https://sites.google.com/apps.whschools.org/whps-summer-learning-site/home>

You can also locate the same link off our website:

<http://www.whschools.org> scroll down the main page and click on **Summer Learning** 

On the Summer Learning site, you will be able to visit the West Haven Online Library and Scholastic Online Community for reading and fun. Take a virtual field trip to a number of exciting places such as museums, art galleries and other famous hot spots. There many entertaining and educational things to do on this site. Take a virtual walk through a dark cave, head to the Galapagos Islands, chill-out in the Arctic, get wet in the Amazon Rain Forest, or dive in the warm waters of the tropics to find coral reefs! This is just to name a few exhilarating and educational things to do on our Summer Learning webpages. Here is a list of more things to see and do:

- E-books and Podcasts
- Commissioner's Math Challenge
- Science Resources
- Activities for Students
- Story time

We strongly encourage you and your children to visit this resource site during the summer break.

We are motivated to learn new ways to provide education in the classroom, as well as improving distance learning. This summer, with staff, will examine all of the wonderful software products available to us as a district. We will use this technology to best serve the students next school year inside and outside of the classroom.

We will be working with administrators and teachers alike, to firm up what our classrooms are, both inside the school building and virtually from a distance

More information will be coming, but for now, thank you for all you do with your youngsters in education during these uncertain times. Your support has been tremendously appreciated. Have a wonderful summer.



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