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Dear Parents, Guardians and Families of Elementary Students:

I hope everybody is staying safe and staying positive throughout these multiple weeks we have continued to endure with the corona virus pandemic.

As we continue to create this new "playbook" for instruction and opportunities with on-line, virtual learning for students, I wanted to thank all of the parents and families that have taken on the role in collaborating with us as a supplemental teacher for your child. We are very appreciative of the dual role you are playing as a parent and a teacher.

Please know, through guidance with the New York State Education Department, Professional Development Team discussions within the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, and parent and student surveys, our elementary staff and administrative team have come up with an instructional and socio-emotional plan for the remainder of the school year.

Classes that involve active interaction, and/or virtual instruction will now be Monday through Thursday for the remainder of the school year. Students will still have learning opportunities on Friday but they will be used as catch up days for students as well as opportunities for additional physical education recreational activities.

Our staff will be using Fridays as a professional development day to work together, collaboratively, to better prepare for optimum virtual instruction and embed support services into their active instruction.

Please contact, Cyndi DeDominick, N.A. Walbran Interim Elementary Principal, at: <a href="mailto:cdedominick@oriskanycsd.org">cdedominick@oriskanycsd.org</a> should you have any questions regarding your child's instruction.

As always, please stay safe, healthy and well.

Respectfully,

The Administrative Team