

## **March 2021**

Greetings from the Superintendent's office. The winter weather has played havoc with Fort Frye's school days this past month, and many of us are excited that spring is almost here. The school make-up day plan for the current school year first included the five inclement weather days where students did not make-up any days/work. The next three school closing days were "blizzard-bag/online learning days," which have been used in past school years but have been different than how remote learning has occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rather than assign make-up days at the end of the school year, the district transition to remote learning for school closing day #9 and beyond in February. The remote learning is the same procedures we have used when our campuses have closed or partially closed due to COVID-19 related concerns.

Students, families and staff members are commended for how they have handled the many changes and transitions this school year. The school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year is already adopted by the Board of Education, and posted on our district website.

The district will be conducting student, staff, and family surveys to gather feedback about make-up day plans for future school years.

Amazingly, we are nearing the last nine-week grading period of the school year. Some parents are reaching out to the school administrators in regards to traditional end-of-the year activities like high school graduation, prom, awards ceremonies, field days, and so on. Fort Frye Local Schools is working with the Washington County Health Department for guidance on such events. At this time, it has been communicated to us that it is still too early to make final decisions and/or plans regarding such events. We will communicate with our students and families about these matters as soon as we have more information. It is the goal of the district to safely sponsor as many of these activities as permitted. We recognize the importance of these activities in the lives of our students and families.