

Pet Responsibility Committee Takes Fourth-Grade Program Online

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Necessarily, the six-session Pet Responsibility Program came to an abrupt halt in Moore County in five schools and did not start in the remaining three for this semester.

Key PRC members conferred recently and discussed leveraging the situation to the best of their ability.

“PRC and Sandhills Cat Coalition volunteer Melissa Bullinger and I have created a home learning plan on the PRC website,” says Angela Zumwalt.

The site, <https://mcpvc.org/prc-home-learning-plan>, is designed for parents/tutors, etc., to use the slide-shows to take their fourth-graders through the program, with all of the activities and videos made available on this page.

It can be used by any parent and is not limited to those who have fourth-graders in the Moore County School system.

The PRC coordinators for this semester’s schools are working with their school contacts to get the information regarding the availability of the program to the fourth-grade parents.



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Dr. Bri Gindelsperger speaks to children at Carthage Elementary.

The next step will be for the PRC coordinators to let the school contacts from last semester’s schools know of the program’s availability for their students to review while they are at home.

“It is natural and necessary for us all to be focused on human issues during this difficult time, but, unfortunately, the pet population

is already highly impacted,” says Zumwalt. “The county shelter is not accepting any stray pets or pets surrendered by their owners. Kitten and puppy season is fast approaching, and we are already seeing pets abandoned in the streets. Hopefully, this online program will focus attention on the pets that share our lives also.”