

Closing Updates

Glendale families,

March 13, 2020

As you know, the state superintendent, Dr. Salmon, has closed schools for the next 2 weeks. In addition, the Governor, Larry Hogan, has declared a state of emergency with directives for gatherings. Along with our schools' superintendent, Dr. Arlotto, who has given schools directives and next steps. We hope to clarify what is closed and anticipate questions you may have.

- Schools are closed March 16th-27th
- Schools resume 3/30/20
- Schools now open 4/9, 4/10 and 4/13
- Canceled events: Field trips not aligned with core mission, Grandfriends' Day, PTA meetings and events, Spring concert, Spring pictures, and Field day. *These events are as of now, but alternative ideas are being explored.*
- Field trips still scheduled: 4th gr to Arlington Echo, 5th gr Drownproofing and Kindergarten to Down's Park
- Students are being asked to take home personal items today so they have items for their learning opportunities.

Our school will be open as an emergency feeding site:

Glendale will be providing a lunch and a snack bag for children 18 or under between 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm Monday-Friday over the next 2 weeks. Staff from the cafeteria will be preparing meals and then carting all the bagged meals to the front of the building for distribution. Where possible, they will go all the way out to the drop off loop and provide meals to families at their vehicles. Employees will be sanitizing the carts that they use after each day to eliminate contamination.

Learning opportunities for students:

In an effort to keep students focused on staying healthy and learning during this break, we just want to make sure that their brains keep growing during their time away. While we want them to enjoy this time away from school, we want them to consider what they need to do to keep their skills sharp and prepare for their return to school.

- Students will have access to the posted lessons on the e-Learning site **or AACPS-TV** and can work on them to the best of their ability, *but no assignments or assessments will be collected for a grade*. Students & families will be able to access the AACPS e-Learning website from the front page of www.aacps.org.
- Students are encouraged to read, read, read while they are on break.
- Teachers at each grade level have prepared activities, including access to Google classroom, going home with students today. If your child is absent, you are welcome to come pick up items between 2-3 today.
- Dreambox, Lexia and First in Math are still available to those with accounts. Dreambox is offering a free 90-day trial to anyone without an account; families need to register (see message on DOJO to be coming).
- Students will have access to ClassLink from any device connected to the internet. All instructional applications and online materials will remain available.
- If students have not taken 3rd marking period quarterly assessments, they will not have to take them.
- We encouraged and allowed students to check out additional library books as well today.

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