



April 2, 2020

Dear South Shore families,

On behalf of the entire staff of South Shore Elementary School we hope that all of you are healthy and making special memories with your family. We miss all of you and look forward to our time together again. Until then we are going to connect virtually through Google Suite. Our entire staff has increased their technology skills in so many ways. They have been working tirelessly to plan and organize an exciting experience for all at South Shore. Here is some important information as we embark on this very exciting new journey:

- Teachers will be reaching out to all students to reconnect with them and to provide some practice opportunities that will get them familiar with the Google Suite that they will be using for e-learning. Please note, no activities that have been posted already or the activities next week will be graded. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Google Meet, post and respond in Google Classroom, and interact with their teacher virtually.
- Assignments will be graded starting April 14th. Teachers will be identifying which assignments are graded and which are not graded.
- If you need assistance accessing your child's Google Classroom, please reach out to your child's teacher via email. Click here for a link to directions on using the Google Suite: <https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/classroomforstudents/home?pli=1&authuser=1>
- Our special educators will be reaching out to all families to discuss our plan for services during our school closure.
- Teachers will be posting their schedules in their Google Classrooms by Monday, April 6th. Schedules for Cultural Arts and Homeroom teachers will list both their Office Hours and Learning Times.
- The learning times and any instruction during office hours will be recorded so that the students can participate at a convenient time for individual families.
- Mrs. Haslun, our school counselor will be available to address your student's social emotional needs.
- Other resources like French, morning announcements, inquiry opportunities, and other school spirit opportunities will be coming soon, so be on the lookout.

AACPS Information

- You can access our AACPS learning materials and resources from anywhere that you can connect to the Internet, including local shopping center parking lots where free wifi connections are available.
- You may be eligible for 2 months of **free high-speed Internet service**. Xfinity Comcast is offering free WiFi access for 60 days for first-time customers who qualify. For more information, log on to www.internetessentials.com/covid19

- AACPS is enhancing the power of its Wi-Fi networks at schools. Guest networks will be open to the public from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning March 31, 2020 so that, where possible, families can potentially utilize the AACPS guest network from the parking lots..
- All smart devices such as cell phones, tablets, chromebooks, laptops, desktop computers, and Xbox game consoles can be used to access our AACPS e-learning materials and resources.
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools is providing free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to children, ages 2–18. There are no income or registration requirements. For locations click here: <https://www.aacps.org/mealpickup>

We are all learners in this together...thank you in advance for your patience and grace as we navigate these new but exciting waters.

We are here for you, South Shore Pandas!

Your proud principal,

Mrs. Shafran