

Update from CCPS – March 17, 2020

Dear CCPS Families, Students, Faculty, Staff and Community Supporters --

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope that there was some green worn out there in our community today to bring some cheer and celebration to everyone!

As we continue with our weekly updates to our community, please be sure to go to Facebook each night at 6 PM at the CCES Reads page for a new nighttime story and school division staff "celebrity" reader each night. Remember to keep reading and enjoying a good book each day to keep those reading and comprehension skills sharp and growing! We love a good book and hopefully we have carved out some time every day to read and enjoy their stories.

A reminder to our students and families that our counseling team will continue to reach out through this first week to check on the well being of our learning community during this period of our mandatory shut down. Remember to stay on a schedule as much as possible throughout the day, enjoying a variety of activities, studying and school work and outside time to have a good balance. Keeping in touch with friends and family through Face Time or by telephone can also help to alleviate the stress associated with this time. We are here to help and be sure to connect with one of our counselors or staff if you require assistance.

Grab and Go combination breakfast and lunch pick ups will start on Monday, March 23rd at CC High School between 11 AM and 1 PM each day. A total of 100 meals will be available for distribution each day to all of our families, including students who attend any of our magnet schools or programs. Additional distribution of chicken soup and sides will be available at no cost at the United Methodist Church between the same hours. Stephanie Leek and volunteers will be on hand to also assist with distribution of additional food for our Tiger Packs, as well as donated items from our Community Den.

CC Elementary School will be open this Friday between 11 AM and 1 PM for additional food distribution and assistance for Tiger Packs and the Community Den. If you need additional assistance outside of this time, please be sure to call Stephanie Leek at 804-301-1871 or Kristina Williams at 804-393-0264.

Our high school cafeteria and common areas are almost complete for the disinfection and sanitizing process. We want to thank our custodial and cleaning crews for their dedication and commitment toward this work. We will continue to clean and maintain our facilities and their high level of cleanliness once completed.

Finally, we will be providing further updates and information as to the status of our shut down. As you might have seen in the Richmond Times Dispatch today, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has applied to the Federal Government to waive all state SOL testing and alternative assessment for this academic year. This has to be approved by the Federal Government and we have not received their final decision to date. There is also

discussion regarding the potential extension by the Governor of the shut down period for schools. We do not have any confirmed information on this, as well, but there is a strong likelihood that school closures could be extended through Spring Break or beyond by the Governor. Once we receive any information to confirm this, we will be sure to let our community know. I share this to allow our students, families, faculty and staff the opportunity to potentially prepare for a longer time out of school. For our teachers and instructional staff, this would also mean that we will have to consider bringing staff and faculty back for additional planning and preparatory time for student learning packets and materials, along with the distribution of that information to our students through online or pick up/distribution times. As we continue to discuss and develop this information, we will be sure to share with our entire community.

As always, please stay well, wash hands and practice good self-care. Thank you!