

## Update from CCPS – March 16, 2020

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

In our efforts to provide you with updated information regarding your schools and the continued planning for support and assistance to our students and our community through this challenging time, we will be providing updates each week to you as regularly as possible. As of this afternoon, we continue to make significant progress as we plan and provide programs and opportunities to support our families.

Each night at 6 PM, Families can access CCES Storytime through Facebook by going to CCES Reads. This will be a wonderful way to keep building a love of reading with our children as a faculty or staff member reads a favorite children's book with our students and their families. Be sure to go to CCES Reads on Facebook each evening at 6 PM for a new favorite story!

Grab and Go meal pick ups for hot breakfast and lunch combination prepackaged meals will begin on Monday, March 23rd from 11 AM to 1 PM at the loop area at the high school just outside of the cafeteria/canopy area by the auditorium. Distribution to students will be on a first come, first served basis, as we will be preparing up to 100 meals per day maximum.

Stephanie Leek, our School Social Worker, will also be working with the Community Den to make needed items available for our families. We will be holding a distribution on Friday 3/20 from 11-1 at CCES. Families may stop by and pick up items much like they would receive in the Tiger Packs and have goods available from the Community Den at CCES. If families are in need before then we will coordinate additional deliveries, and for those that can't get there on Friday, we can also coordinate deliveries as needed Please call 804.301.1871.

Through a partnership with the Methodist Church and Apple Blossom Inn, the Church will be turning 40 pounds of chicken into quart containers of homemade chicken soup for our families. Apple Blossom Inn will be providing additional food for these meals. This will serve as a community supper to complement our drive up/pick up breakfast and lunch that starts next week. Flyers will be available at the pickup tables with sign in sheets for our families who show up to grab their meals. They can then go across the street to the Church to pick up their frozen containers of chicken soup and sides for supper. This will continue until the church runs out of containers. A great partnership! Kenny Dill, who attends the Methodist Church and who is also a member of the New Kent/Charles City Kiwanis International Chapter, and Peggy Snead at Apple Blossom Inn are helping to spearhead this effort. Great Job!

Our counseling team will be reaching out to our families through this week to teleconference with them for any possible services or mental health needs that are out there in connection with the quarantine. Services will be delivered through telephone or potential online services as allowable; however, we will not be delivering face-to-face/home visits for service at this time with the quarantine. This is a trying time for all of our families and we are proud to be able to provide them with assistance and support through this difficult and stressful time. Many thanks for our School Counselors, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Supervisor for Special Education and Teacher and Learning Director for coordinating these services.

Cleaning crews began disinfecting the CCHS Cafeteria and Kitchen today and will have that area completely sanitized to open the door for our meal prep. They will then be travelling in clusters to completely clean large sections of each building at one time as a group to ensure that everything gets properly cleaned and sanitized. Our drivers also started cleaning their vehicles and will have that process completed this week.

As always, please practice good hygiene, hand washing and self-care and please visit a doctor if you exhibit any cold or flu--like symptoms. Stay well!