

April 3, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

We continue to wish you strength and perseverance through these challenging times. As we close out week 2 of “distance learning” or “learning at home”, the phrase DCPS has transitioned to, we continue to witness some great advancements in connections and collaborations for instruction, and supports. There may be some updates in streamlining or communication channels, for a few classes, based on security guidance from DCPS. Your classroom teacher will inform you if that will impact their students. Your child’s classroom teacher remains the primary point of contact for any instructional questions or concerns and the entire Hyde-Addison ES team is here to support.

#### **Hyde-Addison ES Instructional Links and YouTube Channels**

- Library: Weekly library lessons <https://schuttelibrarian.weebly.com/>
- Story Time: A daily read aloud will be shared by one our amazing Reading Teachers, Ms. Newman or a guest reader.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe8hcDisPtdH3MVwZKzoW4g/>
- Let’s Move: Health and wellness activities have been shared by our health conscious Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Parrish.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdXyup\\_i6XxQkeig7m6WBZg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdXyup_i6XxQkeig7m6WBZg)

#### **Additional Updates**

##### **“Fun With Phonics” Videos Debut on TV and YouTube**

Starting April 1, 2020, DCPS is airing early literacy lessons for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students on broadcast television, as well as share online, to support distance learning at home. The Office of Teaching and Learning is creating these foundational literacy videos (Heggerty and Foundations) for K-2 daily instruction led by DCPS teachers.

These video lessons will air on TV each morning from 9:30am to 11:00am on the DKN cable channel — Comcast (channel 99), RCN (channel 18), and Verizon (channel 12) — as well as the [DKN Live Stream](#) and the DCPS YouTube channel. A Kindergarten lesson in Spanish will start next week and additional grades and subject areas will be introduced in the coming weeks.

##### **Enrollment**

DCPS is proud to serve more than 51,000 students and we look forward to launching School Year 2020-2021 (SY20-21) with your family. All families who participated in the My School DC lottery received their results on Friday, March 27. Due to learning at home, families will now have until Wednesday, May 27 (one month after DCPS school buildings are scheduled to reopen) to enroll and claim their seat. As a reminder, all families are always guaranteed a seat at their [in-boundary school](#) for grades K through 12.

We are committed to opening enrollment as soon as possible to best serve our families and welcome new students to our community. In-person enrollment will begin when school buildings reopen, and DCPS is developing an electronic submission option for SY20-21 in accordance with OSSE regulations. We hope to have this option available to families in the coming weeks. For more information about enrollment, please visit [enrolldcps.dc.gov](https://enrolldcps.dc.gov) or email [enroll@k12.dc.gov](mailto:enroll@k12.dc.gov).

### **Term 3 Grading**

DCPS recognizes that students have different levels of access and support while experiencing learning at home and we will ensure students' grades are not negatively impacted because of this. Teachers are offering students multiple opportunities to display mastery and engagement, and any work completed can only help a student's academic status. Students should submit work as directed by their teacher, and all students will have until Friday, May 1 to submit any remaining assignments for term 3.

For Elementary students in grades K - 5, teachers will prepare assignments and activities that keep students engaged during the learning at home period. For each week of learning at home, teachers will grade student work. These grades will be averaged into a student's term 3 grade and used only to improve a student's overall standing. If a student is unable to complete term 3 assignments, they will receive the grade they earned as of March 13. For more information, please review the [Learning at Home Grading FAQ](#)

### **Resource Links**

- Learn more about what technology companies are doing [to expand internet access](#) and Wi-Fi hotspots around town.
- Check out answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and other DCPS updates at [dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus](https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus).
- Visit [coronavirus.dc.gov/food](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/food) for information on meal sites across the city, including how to get there via Metrorail or Metrobus.
- Learn more about the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19) by visiting [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).
- Email [CEO.info@k12.dc.gov](mailto:CEO.info@k12.dc.gov) or call 202-442-5885 if you have additional questions.
- A curated list of things you can do at home, including [family-friendly activities](#) from the DC Library, the Kennedy Center, and the Washington Nationals
- Fun [exercise videos for kids](#) from #FITDC
- Information about [free meals for students](#), grocery store hours and other food resources for DC residents
- DCPS' Coronavirus [information hub for families](#)
- Distance Learning family engagement videos on the [DCPS YouTube page](#)

### **DC Closure Reminders**

As a reminder, all DCPS playgrounds, athletic fields, and other outdoor spaces on school premises are closed during the District's Public Health Emergency. District residents are encouraged to stay at home.

### **How to Navigate Distance Learning**

DCPS created resources at every grade level, so that students from Pre-K through 12th grade can continue their learning while school buildings are closed. When you visit [bit.ly/DCPS\\_ICP](https://bit.ly/DCPS_ICP), you can get started under the “Learners” tab by choosing your child’s grade level for students in grades Pre-K through 8. As DCPS buildings remain closed, teachers may be engaging with students and families directly via phone, email, or video during this period. Your child’s classroom teacher remains the primary point of contact for any instructional questions or concerns.

<b><u>Article Links</u></b>
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[FOX 5 partners with Washington Teachers' Union to air lessons on TV for students without laptops](#)

Fox5DC

[DC Public Schools to broadcast lessons on television](#)

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<b><u>Stay Safe</u></b>
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Please keep you and your families safe. Continue to follow the guidance of [Mayor Bowser](#) and [DC Health](#) and [slow the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing](#). When at all possible, stay home.

Kindest Regards,

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