

March 19, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

The Hyde-Addison ES community continues to persevere through these unprecedented times. It has been extraordinary to see the level of understanding, cooperation and empathy displayed by our stakeholders. As we prepare to transition from spring break to distance learning, on Tuesday, a collaborative mindset will be advantageous to us navigating this uncharted territory.

As a reminder, families were provided student login information for CLEVER and electronic learning programs, as applicable. Students have also been provided work packets, consumables, and texts, as appropriate to classroom and grade level specific needs. In addition, teachers have provided electronic copies of work, as applicable and information pertaining to teacher accessibility, during the distance learning time period, March 24-31, 2020. In many cases, you have already been provided access to materials for two additional weeks, as a pro-active approach to the dissemination of future resources, if those resources shall become needed. DCPS families can download lessons specific to a student's grade level or course through the DCPS Canvas website, with no login or password necessary. Please reach out to the classroom teacher directly, with any questions or points of clarification regarding student work.

In an effort to support the Hyde-Addison ES community in following the guidance of Mayor Bowser and DC Health, we will mail all remaining work packets and accompanying materials to the address on file with the school, so families can continue to practice appropriate social distancing.

March 16-23, 2020, the office is scheduled to be open for phone call inquiries, 9:00am-2:00pm. We request that all inquiries are made over the phone and not in person. The office will be closed March 24-31, 2020. The Hyde-Addison ES team will continue to keep our families abreast of any updates. You may also reference the DCPS website at dcps.dc.gov. Please find below, DCPS/Distance Learning Updates and several Article Links, which may be helpful for some of our families.

Again, we thank you for your support of the Hyde-Addison Elementary School community and wish all of our families well.

Sincerely,

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DCPS/Distance Learning Updates

Any family in the District can download lessons specific to a student's grade level or course through DCPS' Canvas site, with no login or password necessary. There, you will also see links to DCPS' collection of other online learning tools and helpful resources for students and families. Bookmark — bit.ly/DCPS_ICP — and start downloading distance learning lessons on Friday, March 20.

These activities will continue classroom learning and engage students during the period of school closure. DCPS' distance learning materials are designed to meet the needs of all students including English Learners and students with special needs. Students are expected to complete their distance learning assignments and check in with teachers during virtual office hours.

We know that supporting your students' learning at home can be challenging, and we appreciate the ways that our families and communities are coming together in this critical moment. In addition to the lessons provided by our schools, I encourage families to think about how your student learns best through reading, playing board games, writing in journals, or other activities that will continue to support your student's academic growth and social-emotional wellbeing.

REMINDER: Free Meals for All Students

I want to remind all families that meals will be available for all students every weekday at locations throughout the city. Visit coronavirus.dc.gov/mealsites and select, Meal Locations for All DC Students, for more information. Please share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors, so that all young people have access to healthy meals during this period of school closure.

Additional Resources

We know that this situation has caused uncertainty and anxiety in our community and want to support your student and family during this challenging time. I encourage you to review the following resources:

- [Viruses Don't Discriminate and Neither Should We: Coronavirus and Stigma](#)

- [Free Comcast Internet Service for Eligible Families](#)

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available at dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus.

Please visit coronavirus.dc.gov and continue to follow the guidance of [Mayor Bowser](#) and [DC Health](#) as we work together to manage this citywide health emergency. If you have additional questions, please email CEO.info@k12.dc.gov or call 202-442-5885.

I encourage you to continue to take steps to [stop the spread of germs](#), and check in on your neighbors and members of our community who are most in need. By working together, we can slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and continue to put the safety of our students, staff, and community first.

Article Links

[6 Ways You Can Help Fight Coronavirus Impacts In The D.C. Area \(Besides Washing Your Hands\)](#)
DCist/Gaspard Le Dem

[These Businesses Are Offering Free Meals To Kids And Seniors During Coronavirus Shutdowns](#)
DCist/Rachel Kurzius

[These DC-Area Restaurants Are Offering Free Meals for Schoolkids](#)
Washingtonian/Anna Spiegel

[The Smithsonian Has Distance-Learning Resources for Kids](#)
NBC4/Willard West