

March 20, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

I hope this email finds you well. Please find work packet updates below.

Although work packets for weeks 2 and 3 have yet to be delivered to Hyde-Addison ES, the Hyde-Addison team has taken the initiative to make copies for those families who may not have access to downloading those packets through the DCPS Canvas Website or as shared electronically by classroom teachers. **Those packets will be available in the main office on Monday, 9:00am-1:00pm. If you would like those packets mailed to you, please contact the main office by Monday at 12:00pm. Please be mindful that our capacity may be limited, as our team will personally be mailing those to you,** so you can continue to follow the guidance of Mayor Bowser and DC Health, by practicing social distancing and remaining at home, if possible.

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. **Teachers will be reaching out to you and the hours of teacher availability will be updated over the coming weeks, if needed.**

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.**

The Hyde-Addison ES team will continue to keep our families abreast of any updates. 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.

Kindest Regards,

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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

[Free DC-Area Library Resources for When You're Stuck at Home](#)

NBC4

[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