

March 23, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

First and foremost, my thoughts and well wishes are with our students, staff, families, community stakeholders and the entire Hyde-Addison ES community.

Thank you to everyone who has shown understanding and appreciation during this process. The Hyde-Addison ES team has worked countless hours responding to inquiries and preparing for distance learning. Several staff members have even reported to work, day after day, to answer calls and ensure materials were available to families who may not have been able to print or access materials electronically. Staff members continue to do all of this, while supporting and guiding their own families through this pandemic. Please be mindful that we are all in this together.

Distance Learning

As we transition out of spring break, I would like to welcome you all to distance learning. Distance learning may take on various components, including recorded videos, streaming, online programming, phone conferencing, projects, independent work or pencil to paper activities. Distance learning packets are a supplement to distance learning and are not meant to supplant all instruction. Teachers will be reaching out once again to welcome families to distance learning and share the following:

- Teachers will reiterate their office hours.
- Teachers will share their plans for instruction and how distance learning will look for their individual class or grade level. **Please reach out to your classroom teacher directly, with any questions regarding their instructional plan.**
- Options for those lacking access to technology will also be addressed, as applicable. DCPS is still evaluating district-wide options.

You have already been notified that DCPS will be closed to all staff and students through Friday, April 24, 2020 to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our region. Classes are scheduled to resume for DCPS students on Monday, April 27, 2020. For more info please visit: dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus.

Please remain mindful that the information shared by DCPS, in regards to the dates and times school buildings will be open for packet pickups, during this period of closure, is general. **Please adhere to the Hyde-Addison ES updates.** Our team has printed and mailed packets, so that families can **help mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our region and follow the guidance of Mayor Bowser and DC Health. Please practice social distancing and remain home, when possible.**

Please also see the attached “Easy Ways to Keep Our Kids Reading” information, shared by Ms. Schutte, School Librarian.

I am also working on possible video messaging and story time for students. Stay tuned!

Assessments

Due to the extended school closure, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) plans to seek a one-year waiver from federal ESSA requirements around assessments and would cancel statewide summative assessments for students, including PARCC and DC Science.

In response to the rapidly evolving situation around COVID-19, the College Board is canceling the SAT and SAT Subject Test administration on May 2. The College Board will provide future additional SAT testing opportunities for students as soon as possible in place of canceled administrations.

Meals for All Students

Meals will continue to be available for all students every weekday at locations throughout the city. Visit coronavirus.dc.gov/mealsites to find a meal site near you. These meal options are open to all young people under the age of 18. 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.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1, meal service will be added to the following DCPS schools in addition to the previously operating locations:

School	Address	Ward
Francis-Stevens Elementary School	2425 N St. NW	Ward 2
Hendley Elementary School	425 Chesapeake St. SE	Ward 8
Langdon Elementary School	1900 Evarts St. NE	Ward 5
Marie Reed Elementary School	2201 18th St. NW	Ward 1
Miner Elementary School	601 15th St. NE	Ward 6
Ron Brown High School	4800 Meade St. NE	Ward 7
Simon Elementary School	401 Mississippi Ave. SE	Ward 8
Thomson Elementary School	1200 L St. NW	Ward 2
Truesdell Education Campus	800 Ingraham St. NW	Ward 4
Wilson High School	3950 Chesapeake St. NW	Ward 3

Supplemental Updates

As shared last week, 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 remain available in the main office today, until 1:00pm. Please call prior to picking up packets, to ensure those packets have not already been mailed. 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.** As a reminder, families were also 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.

Thank you again! Let us all be kind and support each other, as we maneuver through this uncharted territory. 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.

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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