

March 16, 2020

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS –

We wanted to send out an update with a few reminders and some important details as we prepare to continue moving forward. First of all, please see reminders below about the anticipated schedule the rest of this week and next week:

- Tuesday March 17 through Friday March 20 – All regular school activities will be cancelled. Students will participate in e-learning activities.
- March 23rd through March 27th - Students will observe Spring Break as planned. No e-learning will take place during spring break.
- Monday, March 30 –students will have an additional e-learning day..
- During this time, all school-related functions, including sporting events and activities, will be canceled. All students, parents & community members will have NO access to school buildings during this time.

Our teachers have been working extremely hard to prepare E-Learning activities for students at each grade level and are excited to begin exploring these opportunities, beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17th. A new website has been created to serve as a comprehensive resource for teachers, students and parents as we dive into this new format for teaching & learning. The E-Learning activities for each grade level or course can be accessed directly from this E-Learning Website at <http://bit.ly/2TMrdt2>. This link will also be added to our school website at some point tomorrow. Once you are on the Wilmington School District E-Learning webpage, you can access your child's learning activities by clicking on their school and grade level. If students or parents have questions about the learning activities, please feel free to e-mail your child's teacher.

We request your continued understanding and flexibility as we move forward. If the school closure continues beyond March 30th, we will hope to continue using these resources to work with both students and parents in striving to stay connected with our kids, aiming to maintain stay engaged in learning.

For students who do not have access to technology at home, we will have access to some paper copies of learning materials which will be available for pick-up at the District Office. To request specific paper copies of materials, please feel free to email your child's principal or the district's assistant superintendent, Mr. Kevin Feeney. Parents of preschool or Kindergarten students who are unable to print off materials at home would be able to pick up those materials at the district office from 8am to 3pm at some point later this week.

Please know that the completion of these learning exercises and assignments is not mandated or required, and students will not receive negative consequences for any work completed or not completed. However, we are highly encouraging all of our students to take advantage of these opportunities and stay engaged with our teachers as we keep moving forward. The E-Learning webpage will be updated daily while school is closed to provide further learning opportunities for students.

Throughout the rest of this week, each of our building principals will be available at their schools. Secretaries will be working from home over the next several days, but will be regularly monitoring both voice and email messages. The district office will also be open for regular business as we begin moving forward into the required school closure.

Throughout the rest of this week, meals will be made available for pick up for any interested Wilmington students in the WHS parking lot from 9 to 11 AM on the following dates. This will be accomplished with a curbside pick-up routine. Interested students would receive two days of breakfast and lunch food on the dates below. Provision of meals for students throughout the required school closure will be evaluated as the situation continues to evolve.

- Tuesday March 17
- Thursday March 19
- Monday March 30 (only 1 day of food provided).

For some students who may not have WIFI access at home, please check out the following resource to look into the possibility of gaining free access at home: [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) or 800-846-8376.

We will continue working to communicate and share information as soon as possible. Wishing everyone health and wellness. Throughout the school closure, we highly recommend that all students and families follow the advice of government and health officials, staying at home and focusing on available e-learning opportunities. The safety and well-being of our staff and students will always be the number one priority. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matt Swick

Superintendent of Schools