March 15, 2020

Dear Families,

On Friday, students came together and participated in class meetings and other activities to prepare to be away for an extended time. Students were excited to visit the library and take a stack of books home to read. They were also provided a variety of learning resources, which can be found under the Resource Links to the left with an explanation. After students left for the day, the building staff met to begin developing plans to digitally connect with their students. Please look for more information via email from your child’s teacher. Also, please refer to the Online Learning Resources & Suggestions for additional tools to help continue learning.

We know that these circumstances, with so many unknowns and uncertainties, are disconcerting for children (and adults too!). As challenging as it can be, consider creating a daily schedule for your child(ren). Routine and structure are comforting and support the expectation for your child to engage in learning tasks. Here is a sample daily schedule you might use as a starting point.

In the meantime, our hope is to provide information to you via our newsletter format that includes updated information, along with links to resources to provide support to your children and family. Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding as we navigate these unchartered territories.

Best,
Eddie Latour
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Supporting Children’s Mental Health
We realize that being away from school also means students are away from some of their trusted adults who provide social emotional support. In addition, we realize that the current COVID-19 pandemic may also create anxiety and/or trigger other social emotional responses that need support. There are many community resources available. Please refer to the Community Resources tab, located on the COVID-19 page of the AAPS website.

If your student is in need of immediate and urgent social emotional support, please contact Washtenaw County Community Mental Health - Crisis line: 734-544-3050 Or Ozone House - Crisis Line: 734-662-2222
AAPS Food Service for Families  -  March 16 – April 5, 2020

The Ann Arbor Public Schools, working with Chartwells Food Service, is pleased to provide “to go” meals for children up to 18 years old and any child with special needs up to 26 years old. AAPS will distribute these meals to children, parents/guardians. The meals will contain a balanced breakfast and lunch and are available for pick-up between 11am – 12:30pm on:

- Monday, March 16
- Tuesday, March 17 (for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday meals)
- Friday, March 20 (for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday meals)
- Tuesday, March 24 (for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday meals)
- Friday, March 27 (for Friday, Saturday, Sunday meals)
- Tuesday, March 31 (for Tuesday and Wednesday meals)
- Thursday, April 2 (for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday meals)

_Because we are practicing social distancing we ask that you pick-up your meals and take them home to eat._

If you have food allergy needs or cannot make it to a pick-up location please call the AAPS Food Service Hotline 734-994-2265. Arrangements will be made.

Food Pick-Up Locations

- **Carpenter Elementary** – outside the school
  4250 Central Blvd.

- **Community Action Network (CAN)**
  - Arrowwood Hills Community Center
    2566 Arrowwood Trl.
  - **Bryant Community Center**
    3 W. Eden Ct.
  - Green Baxter Court Community Center
    1737 Green Rd.
  - Hikone Community Center
    2724 Hikone Dr.

- **Lakestone Apartments** - outside the clubhouse
  4275 Eyrie Dr.

- **Orchard Grove** - outside the clubhouse
  2835 S. Wagner

- **Peace Neighborhood Center** - Peace Maple Meadows Satellite – West Arbor Satellite
  1111 N. Maple Rd.

- **Pinelake Village Coop** - outside the clubhouse
  2680 Adrienne Dr.

- **Scio Farms** - outside the clubhouse
  6655 Jackson Rd.

- **Scarlett Middle School** – outside the school
  3300 Lorraine

Library Resources

Families with an Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) card can access the AADL’s incredible collection of digital resources. Even though the AADL has closed, these digital resources can be accessed remotely and can provide your student with additional reading material.

The AAPS Library Services Department always encourages our students and families to read. We have supplied students with many school library books during the school closure. We also encourage you to seek additional reading resources to enjoy at home. (All school library books currently checked out will be due during the week after we return.) We also want to assure you that our author visit, Lisa Wheeler, will be rescheduled.