



RESSIE JEFFRIES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the unprecedented challenges associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19). As a division and individual schools, we remain committed to protecting the health of our students and staff. The situation with COVID-19 continues to be dynamic and changing rapidly. As you know, Spring Break was extended from March 16th-March 27th. No work is required to be completed during this time.

WCPS extended the school closure through Monday, April 13, 2020. We are hopeful that students will return to school on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Beginning March 30th, instructional materials will be made available to parents and students. During the extended school closure, it is suggested that students will participate in instructional activities that are designed to assist students in maintaining skills they have learned this year and are aligned with grade-level curriculum and VA standards.

On March 30th, schools will send out robo calls and emails with scanned copies of instructional materials. If you are unable to print these documents from home or prefer a hard copy, work packets will be made available via a drive through pick up at schools on Wednesday, April 1st from 11am-1pm. If your child needs a packet and you are not able to pick it up, please contact your school's office (540-636-6824 x32109) to make other arrangements. The packet pick up will be in the back of the school in the bus lane. You will be able to pull up and get the packet for your child's grade level. The division is hoping to arrange for a wider distribution of instructional materials, but they are still in the planning stages. We will continue to communicate updated information as frequently as we receive it.

Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you by phone, email, or Class Dojo to check in, inquire about Internet access, and answer questions about the provided learning materials. Please communicate directly with your child's teacher through Class Dojo or email with any questions. If you are not connected to your child's classroom teacher through Class Dojo, we recommend creating your account as soon as possible to facilitate communication between you, your child's teacher and school administrators as necessary. Class Dojo, robo calls/emails/texts, and the school Facebook page will all continue to be used to communicate with our school family.

In summary, here is what can you expect in the coming weeks:

1. **During the week of March 23 to March 27:** Spring Break. Staff will be unavailable for contact.
2. **During the week of March 30 to April 3:** Instructional materials will be provided via robo email to help your child maintain the skills he/she has obtained this school year. Instructional materials will be available for drive-through pick up April 1st from 11am-1pm. Your child's teacher will also reach out to you to make sure your child has access to materials.
3. **During the week of April 6 to April 9:** Continued support to complete instructional materials sent home.

We are here for you during this uncertain time. Please reach out with questions and concerns via email (nhelmick@wcps.k12.va.us), Class Dojo, or phone (540-5636-6824 x32109). As we work together, we will learn from this journey and be better prepared to face challenges in the future. We miss you and look forward to having our students and staff back at school. Until then, spend time with your family and stay well.

Kind Regards,

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