

# Columbus Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Families,

This is a letter I never thought I would have to compose, but here we are in uncharted territory. Please bear with us as we wade through this time of uncertainty and new challenges. Mr. Bermes has composed a letter which goes through a lot of the information that we have available at this time and how we will handle this situation as a District.

Here at the Elementary School, we want to try to make this situation as uncomplicated as possible for you and our kids. Our little people are not old enough to tackle this on their own. Even the lessons we will be preparing may need to be overlooked by someone older. Teachers came in today and began preparing materials and lessons for your child to do at home starting March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Depending on the grade, there will be either a packet of material that can be picked up at the elementary office, on-line lessons, or a combination of the two. These on-line lessons will not be live-streaming. Students can do them when it fits into your schedule. Each teacher will be getting in contact with you to let you know what they have prepared for your child.

The Elementary office will be open daily from 8 AM – 2 PM so that you can pick up or drop off materials. We will be by the phones primarily from 8-10 AM. If you are unable to pick up the hard copy learning packets, please call the office and we will make arrangements to get the material to you. If you need a computer, remember to call the office to get one arranged for your child. Each family would only need 1 computer since there will be no live-streamed lessons. If you do not have Internet service for the on-line learning, let our office or the teacher know. The teacher will then prepare a hard-copy packet specifically for your child. All of the teachers are involved in this process (classroom teachers, Title 1, Special Education, PE and Music). Next week will be a trial to see how this works. All packets and on-line lessons should be completed by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Packets should be returned to the Elementary Office. If the closure is extended, a new packet will be handed out when the completed packet is turned in on March 27.

Please remember, food is available for your child as long as we know 24 hours in advance. Give DeAnne a call or email to let her know if your child needs it. If you know you want meals everyday, just let her know that and she will forward your information to the kitchen.

We are in the process of deep cleaning the school. I would love to have you come by and pick up the items from your child's locker and look at the lost and found. Please take all of those items home and give them a cleaning. This will help us with cleaning since some of the lockers have more clothing in them than a closet!

We will be using the school APP, which can be downloaded from your device's APP store. Just search for Columbus School District. We will also be using the Infinite Campus notification service, email, and regular mail. Teachers will use email, Google classroom, and the Remind APP to communicate with you and the students.

Mostly, tell your children that we will miss them and can't wait for them to be able to come back. Please remember to call me or your child's teacher about any questions you have. Thanks for your patience!

*“Home of the Cougars”*