

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have taken additional steps to minimize the spread of the virus in our school. Social distancing has been identified as an effective method to control the spread of the virus. We understand some of these steps will cause disruption to the normal routines or traditions; however, the severity of COVID-19 to our community remains very unclear at this time. It is important to plan and prepare before a serious situation develops.

Information shared with staff:

- All classroom manipulatives will be cleaned daily and there will be limited use of whole class manipulatives.
- All students and staff are encouraged to wash hands frequently.
- Our facility will remain locked to the community after dismissal.
- Assemblies after March 12 through April 30 are postponed.
- All PTA events are postponed through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our school will continue with a thorough cleaning process every evening. Please check the district website to see Dr. Bell's messages.

It is our hope that we can maintain the school schedule for the remainder of the year; however, this is an ever-changing event. As the superintendent consults with the department of education, DDPS will be prepared in the event we are to close school for an extend amount of time. We have created home-learning plans with activities to keep our young students learning. These learning plans will be available online and a paper copy has been sent home with your child. You will be able to communicate with your child's teacher through Class Do-Jo and email.

**Please continue to encourage preventative measures to avoid the spread of illness.**

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze/cough.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

**Please follow district guidelines for keeping your child home from school:**

- Fever – within 24 hours – stay home!
- Vomiting – within 24 hours – stay home!
- Diarrhea – within 24 hours – stay home!

As Spring Recess approaches, if you have travel plans, please continue to use preventative measures. If you plan to travel abroad, please check the CDC travel advisory page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> for travel alert information and precautions. Please notify the school if you have traveled abroad or if a member of your family has traveled abroad.

For tips on talking with your child about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students healthy and safe.

Respectfully,

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