

April 9, 2020

Dear Kilmer Families,

I hope this communication finds you well. Below are some updates including information about a virtual parent presentation on Monday, April 13 at 2:00 PM.

### **Virtual Parent Presentation**

Please join us for a virtual parent session on Monday, April 13 at 2:00 PM. We will share information about Distance Learning and answer your questions. You will participate in this meeting by Blackboard Collaborate which is the same platform students will use for their synchronous learning. Students are welcome to join this presentation with you.

Here is the link to join the meeting:

<https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/6aafc791d2d14569be2a314d43ca82fa>

You may join starting at 1:45. The meeting will begin at 2:00. We will record the meeting and post it on the website as well.

### **Distance Learning Plan – Printer Friendly**

PDFs of the Kilmer Distance Learning Plan letter and the Distance Learning plan weekly schedule are available on the Kilmer website. Please follow this link: <https://kilmerms.fcps.edu/node/4535>

On Friday, all students and parents will receive an email that will include a link to a fillable pdf for students to individualize their weekly schedule.

### **Learning at Home: Support for Families**

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is providing information to support parents and students as they prepare to participate in distance learning beginning Tuesday, April 14.

The new webpage offers simple strategies for parents to help students get ready to learn and stay engaged and focused. Additionally, since the shift to distance learning is occurring when family routines are already in flux, the new webpage includes links to a variety of resources that can help ease the transition. Examples include social-emotional wellness supports, guidance for families without reliable access to technology, and a summary of who to contact with questions. Information regarding support for special education students and English language learners is also included.

### **Building Closed**

FCPS school buildings remain closed and students are not able to clean out lockers or pick up items from classrooms at this time. FCPS is working very closely with the Fairfax County Health Department and following their guidelines to ensure everyone's health and safety. Right now, the only time a family can make an appointment to enter the building is for an essential item such as medication. Please know that all the teachers are very aware that students' items are still at school and they will accommodate for

that. As soon as we are able to arrange for students to pick up their items we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

**Refunds**

Refunds for field trips are being processed and families will receive refund checks in the mail. Please note, there are many refunds that need to be processed and each one needs to be processed individually. It will likely take through May to complete all refunds.

Please take good care and we will be in touch again soon.

Sincerely,

Amy Miller

Principal