

March 17, 2020

Dear Kilmer Families,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy! I am writing to send you some additional updates and information. As we all know, this situation continues to evolve. As it evolves, I will work to keep you informed with the most current information. As a Kilmer Community, we will continue to work through this together. What I have shared with the staff and want to share with you is the motto that, "We will do the very best we can with what we know today." We will continue to take this situation one day at a time. What is most important is everyone's health and safety.

Thank you

I would like to start off by thanking our amazing Kilmer Community for all of the food donations that were dropped off this past Sunday during our Drop n' Drive food collection. We were able to pack 75 boxes of food. Yesterday, we were able to set up a sidewalk food pick-up for families to pick-up the food. Thank you all for your support!

Building Closure

On Sunday, March 15, FCPS announced that all school buildings are closed until further notice. This means Kilmer MS will not be open for students to pick up belongings until the operating status changes.

Below is the contact information for the Kilmer Administrative Team. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or thoughts. Email will be the most efficient way to get in touch with us. You may also call 703-846-8812 and leave a voicemail.

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Sarah Groh – Director of Student Services – sfgroh@fcps.edu

- School Counseling and Mental Health Services

Debra David – Assistant Principal – dsdavid@fcps.edu

- Teams – Comets, Sirius, and Supernovas

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- Teams - Pegasus, Guardians, and Constellations

Continuity of Learning

FCPS is providing families with centralized resources to support the continuity of learning during the time of March 16-March 27. These resources are not required and will not be graded. These resources can be accessed through the FCPS 24-7 Learning Continuity of Learning Module at <http://fcps.blackboard.com> or on the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu.

During the period of March 16-March 27 teachers will not assign any required work. Any activities posted will be optional and not cover any new content as per the county directive. Students will not be penalized for not engaging with optional learning activities nor will they be given extra credit for completing optional assignments.

We will be receiving more guidance by March 27 about teaching and learning expectations after this initial period. For the next two weeks please focus on family health and access the optional learning resources if you choose.

Mental Health Resources

Mental Health Wellness: Please share the following information with your child.

Steps to take during a school closure if you or a friend is in crisis:

1. Get help from a parent or trusted adult immediately
2. Call 911 or report the concern to the local police by calling the non-emergency number (703) 691-2131
3. Text NEEDHELP to 85511 for the [Crisis Link](#) Hotline at or call them at 703-527-4077
4. Follow up with the school by emailing Sarah Groh, Director of Student Services at sfgroh@fcps.edu Students should avoid emailing school staff members for help with a crisis during a school closure.

Additional FCPS Links:

[How to help a friend in crisis](#)

[FCPS Mental Health Resources and 24/7 Emergency numbers](#)

Course Registration for 2020-2021

Over the last month, students have participated in academic advising sessions with their school counselor to select their courses for eighth and ninth grade. During each individual academic advising session, the courses students selected were entered into the FCPS student information system (SIS). To see the list of courses that your child selected for the 2020-2021 school year, please log into your SIS ParentVUE account and click on the course requests tab. Directions for how to view your child's course requests online in ParentVUE can be accessed at the following link : [Online Course Requests in ParentVue](#) . Students can also view their list of courses on the course request tab in SIS StudentVUE. This list of courses is NOT a schedule, but a confirmation of the courses entered into the student information system. While school is closed, if you have questions about your child's course selections for next school year, please contact Sarah Groh, Director of Student Services at sfgroh@fcps.edu.

Food Distribution Sites

Beginning today, Tuesday, March 17, Fairfax County Public Schools will be serving grab and go meals at a total of 29 locations. The food distribution is set up outside the schools. Breakfast will be served from 8-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the locations listed below:

New sites serving food beginning today, March 17:

Bren Mar Park ES, 6344 Beryl Rd, Alexandria

Cameron ES, 3434 Campbell Dr., Alexandria

Forest Edge ES, 1501 Becontree Ln., Reston

Glen Forest ES, 5829 Glen Forest Dr., Falls Church
Herndon ES, 630 Dranesville Rd., Herndon
Hollin Meadows ES, 2310 Nordok Pl., Alexandria
Irving MS, 8100 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield
Coates ES, 2480 River Birch Rd., Herndon
Parklawn ES, 4116 Braddock Rd., Alexandria
Pine Spring ES, 7607 Willow Ln., Falls Church
South County HS, 8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton

Still serving at these locations:

Annandale Terrace ES, 7604 Herald St., Annandale
Bailey's Primary ES, 6111 Knollwood Dr., Falls Church
Braddock ES, 7825 Heritage Dr., Annandale
Brookfield ES, 4200 Lees Corner Rd, Chantilly
Burke School, 9645 Burke Lake Rd., Burke
Centre Ridge ES, 14400 New Braddock Rd., Centreville
Crestwood ES, 6010 Hanover Ave., Springfield
Cunningham Park ES, 1001 Park St., Vienna
Dogwood ES, 12300 Glade Dr., Reston
Garfield ES, 7101 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield
Graham Road Community Center, 3036 Graham Rd., Falls Church
Fort Belvoir Upper ES, 5980 Meeres Rd., Fort Belvoir
Hutchison ES, 13209 Parcher Ave., Herndon
Hybla Valley ES, 3415 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria
London Towne ES, 6100 Stone Rd., Centreville
Mount Vernon Woods ES, 4015 Fielding St., Alexandria
Providence ES, 3616 Jermantown Rd., Fairfax
Weyanoke ES, 6520 Braddock Rd., Alexandria

I will continue to send communications with updates as I receive them. Please take care of yourselves and your families. We will get through this together as one Kilmer community.

Most Sincerely,

Amy Miller
Principal