



Good afternoon everyone – I know the news of closures and the state of emergency, as well as further limitations has been quite concerning. The idea of being closed for the next four weeks is unfathomable, but unfortunately it's our reality. Our teachers spent the day today putting together thoughtful, practical and meaningful packets of work to sustain your children throughout these next four weeks. The goal of the packets, which will be a combination of hard copy and online resources, is to maintain your child's current level of performance, so upon his/her return, we have not lost any ground. There should not be new material in the packets, which means you will not necessarily have to teach the material but rather provide the structured environment necessary to complete it.

In the packets, the teachers also provided you with their contact information, in the event you have questions. The expectation is that these packets will be completed upon your child's return to school. It is imperative that you provide an environment and structure for that to happen. This was not our choice but like you, have to not only take precautions but also support the learning of our students. Our teachers did an amazing job assembling these packets, for the benefit of your child. Ideally, they will return and pick up where they left off as opposed to spending weeks reviewing/re-teaching material from over a month prior.

Packet pick-up for Elementary School students will be Wednesday and Thursday March 18 and 19, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. We ask that you enter through the Elementary Parent Loop doors and pick the packet up in the Elementary Gym. You will also be allowed to gather any belongings at that time as well. As of Friday 3/20, the school building will be closed except for essential school personnel. If you require the use of a Chromebook, please contact the elementary office at your earliest convenience to arrange signing one out.

Grab and Go lunches will be available in the Cafeteria from 11:00-12:30 Monday-Friday starting tomorrow. Lunches may also be picked up from the following locations: Hapanowicz's parking lot at 11:00 am, New York Mills Village offices at 11:30, and the Yorkville Village offices at 12:00pm. These grab and go lunches will contain lunch as well as breakfast for the following day.

There will also be a ton of resources posted on the district's webpage that you might find useful. Dr. Shelmidine will keep you posted regarding the status of school through email and the School Messenger system. These are crazy times, continue to exercise prudence, perseverance and bravery as we enter into this very, uncharted territory. Please remain happy and healthy!!

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