

Subject: Message from Principal Gaylord

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From: Ellicott Mills Middle School

To: Jennifer Johnson



Ellicott Mills Middle School

Message from Principal Gaylord

Dear EMMS Community,

I hope this message finds you all well. On behalf of the entire EMMS staff, we miss seeing and connecting with our students. We are looking forward to the day when we can welcome them back to our classrooms.

As we near the end of our first week of school closure, I wanted to reach out to thank you for your support and patience during this challenging time. The uncertainty and disruption caused by COVID-19 is taking a toll on everyone; and maintaining solidarity is one of our best defenses in coping with this situation. Our community spirit continues to be among Ellicott Mills Middle School's greatest strengths. Thank you.

Accessing reliable and easy-to-locate information is a valuable strategy for managing the impact of this event. The daily updates that you've received from our Superintendent over the last several days provide a great deal of information and resources. You can quickly locate all of this information on the [HCPSS COVID-19 webpage](#). This site is continuously updated with new information and answers to frequently asked questions.

I want to recognize our very own custodians and other HCPSS staff members who have been putting in long hours during this closure. They have been deep cleaning our school building to ensure a safe environment for students and staff in preparation for our return. Our hard-working central office and curriculum staff have been working countless hours preparing for the possibility of an extended closure by developing plans for continuity of instruction for our students.

Until we see each other again, take advantage of the time you have with your families, remind the kids to read a book, stay physically active, and stay positive on social media.
Stay healthy and safe,

Peter M Gaylord

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