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From: Ellicott Mills Middle School

To: Jennifer Johnson



Ellicott Mills Middle School

Principal's Message March 30, 2020

EMMS Community,

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and you are outside soaking up the sunshine!

This morning, Ellicott Mills staff met virtually as a whole for the first time since 3/13. It was great to see everyone reconnecting. EMMS staff is excited to be reaching out to students this week, via Canvas, with a personal message and begin the process of rebuilding a sense of classroom community and routine. I have never met so many teachers eager to meet and continue the important work of teaching and learning. As Dr. Martirano's stated in his [message on March 27, 2020](#), staff will also be engaging in professional learning throughout this week to prepare for continuity of learning.

*** As we prepare for that plan, we request that **ALL** HCPSS families complete the [HCPSS Student Technology Survey](#) (even if you have technology access). We are working on ensuring all students have the access to technology they need for the Continuity of Learning Plan. **We are asking parents who have technology and access available at home to indicate so on the first question. Parents who do not have devices or internet access at home should indicate so on the first question and complete the remaining questions.** The school staff will be making phone calls to any family that has NOT filled out the survey indicating their technology needs.

The School System will continue to provide free "Grab-N-Go" meals to anyone age 18 and under and/or any HCPSS student, regardless of age, throughout state-mandated school closures, [extended through April 24 \(Links to an external site.\)](#). There will be no meal service Friday, April 10 or Monday, April 13. Participants will be given a Grab-N-Go snack, lunch and dinner for that day, as well as a Grab-N-Go breakfast for the following

day. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag to carry home meals each day. HCPSS is pleased to announce the following expansions of our meal distribution program:

The following link provides information regarding updates, general resources, parent resources, and continuity of learning resources: [HCPSS COVID-19 webpage](#). Please check back regularly, as the site is continually updated with new information and answers to frequently asked questions.

If you have additional questions and concerns, please email peter_gaylord@hcpss.org.

Stay healthy!

Pete Gaylord
Principal

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