

ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington Families,

Please note the following updates:

School Calendar

As per the Governor's Executive Order 202.2, the mandatory school closure extends through March 31, 2020, and school districts are required to exhaust any available time, including emergency (typically snow days) and vacation days to be eligible for the 180-day waiver. Due to this order, we will be recommending adjustments to our school calendar to the Board of Education.

For family and student purposes, schools will be considered on recess from March 20 through March 31. This means that if we return to school on April 1, school will be in session during the original spring break period, as well as the Friday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend.

One of our two remaining emergency (snow) days was used today, March 19th and the second emergency (snow) day will be used on April 1st, if needed.

For all Arlington staff, Friday, March 20, 2020 and Friday, March 27, 2020 will be considered a contractual holiday. Therefore, all offices will be closed and food distribution will be suspended for those two days.

We understand that this has been an extremely stressful time for our students, staff, and families. We hope that by designating March 20-31 as spring recess, our students, staff, and families will be able to catch their breath and relax as much as possible during this unprecedented time. Please remember to practice social distancing!

Food Distribution

I am pleased to announce that we have increased our food distribution to include both breakfast and lunch in one combined bag. Because March 20, 2020 and March 27, 2020 are now district holidays, we will not be providing meals on these dates.

For families in need of breakfast or lunch on March 20 or 27, the Daily Planet, located at 1202 Route 55 in LaGrangeville, will be providing bagged breakfasts and lunches at no cost to members of the Arlington Community.

Bagged breakfast will be available 9 AM to 11 AM. Breakfast options include bacon, egg and cheese; sausage egg and cheese; or ham, egg, and cheese sandwiches.

Bagged lunch will be available from 11 AM to 3 PM. Lunch sandwich options include ham and cheese, turkey and cheese, roast beef and cheese sandwiches. A piece of fruit and carton of milk will be included in each bag.

Please call ahead to let the Daily Planet know that you would like a bagged breakfast or lunch. Their number is 845-452-0110.

Once you arrive for pick-up, please pull into the parking lot, call to let them know you have arrived and they will bring the bags to you curbside.

We thank Daily Planet for providing this most important service!

Report Cards

Elementary report cards will be available via the SchoolTool Parent Portal beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, at 5:00 PM. Please be aware that AIS, ENL, Band and Orchestra reports will not be included at this time. If you do not currently have access to Parent Portal, please contact Dr. Brown at abrown1@acsdny.org or by phone at 845-486-4460 ext. 20150.

Elementary IEP Progress Reports will be mailed home the week of March 30, 2020.

We are still in discussion with our principals regarding secondary report cards and do not have an update at this time. Arlington will do everything within its authority to ensure student grades are not unduly impacted by circumstances beyond their control.

Child Care

For parents who are essential health care workers or first responders and in need of child care, please contact the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam at (845) 473-4141. They are prioritizing ensuring that the needs of health care workers and first responders are met. We thank you for your service and truly appreciate all that you do.

Arlington Buildings and Grounds are Closed

All Arlington Buildings and Grounds are currently closed. We are not fully staffed to supervise children or to maintain our athletic facilities or playgrounds. We encourage you to walk in your neighborhoods and to utilize public trails. For the safety of all, please remember the importance of [social distancing \(read this important article\)](#) and to avoid playground use, as the virus may be able to live on plastic and metal surfaces for 2 or more days.

Communication

Please email questions to Keycommunicator@acsdny.org. Make sure to include your full name. We have received a number of questions over the past few days. Please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) in our COVID-19 Updates on the Arlington website.

Enjoy this weekend with your family, and on behalf of the administration and Board of Education, we continue to wish you and your loved ones' good health and peace.

Sincerely,

Brendan Lyons Ed.D.