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Dear Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we move forward to complete the 2019-2020 school year, we will utilize a distance learning plan developed specifically for our elementary students.

MPS has developed online resources for mental, emotional, and physical health related to COVID-19 for our families to utilize. They are available on our website at: <https://www.mooreschools.com/Page/55512>. We encourage our MPS Community to become familiar with these resources. Additionally, your student's school counselor is available by email if you have questions or concerns regarding mental and emotional health. You may also leave a message on the school's voicemail for the counselor to return your call.

Every elementary student will receive work packets that contain six weeks of instructional materials. The packets will be organized into weekly segments. There will be lessons for reading, language, math, science, and social studies. Please assist your students in completing these packets each week. We do not recommend students working ahead. Once your child completes their weekly packet, please take photos of the pages and email the photos to your teachers. If you do not have email capability at home, you can confirm the child's completion during the weekly call between parents and teachers (explained later in this letter). Please use your best judgement to shorten or modify the packets as needed. The work given should not cause hardships or conflict in your home. Our intent is to ensure that continued learning does not bring additional hardship to your student and family, during this stressful global health crisis.

Please know, principals are working with teachers on best safety options for preparation and dissemination of work packets. Regarding preparation of printed work packets – school personnel will wear gloves, use hand sanitizer, and follow CDC guidelines. School personnel will be asked to take their temperature before preparing the packets.

Packets will be disseminated via porch delivery during the week of April 1-6. PLEASE DO NOT STEP OUT AND VISIT WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines of social distancing will apply. School personnel have been instructed to “drop and go” with zero contact. If you are not comfortable touching the work packets left on your porch, feel free to leave them there for 72 hours or spray them down with disinfectant. The items will be yours to keep and will not be returned to the school.

Note: If teachers do not feel safe with porch delivery, then they will contact parents to choose the best method of delivery. The alternate delivery options are: internet/email delivery, mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, and parent pick-up at school sites.

In addition to the packets, teachers will be providing optional activities through online resources. This will look different for each teacher because it will be based on what programs the students were accustomed to before spring break. Soon, teachers will communicate the specifics of these programs to you. If your student receives special education services, your child's packet will have been reviewed and modified by the special education teacher. The special education teacher will be in touch with any further directions and is also available by email. Furthermore – PE, music, art, STEAM, and technology teachers, along with counselors and school librarians, will post weekly videos for your students on their school's website. There are currently PE activities and enrichment activities found on the MPS website (www.mooreschools.com) for students, as well. If you do not have access to internet and/or a technology device, then a hard copy of enrichment activities [for the subjects mentioned previously] will be placed in your packet.

Teachers have been asked to contact their students via telephone or video conferencing at least once a week. In addition, teachers will contact parents once a week. Your child's teacher will communicate with you how he/she plans to complete that task. Also, schools will utilize their social media accounts to communicate various virtual school spirit activities.

Once this pandemic has passed and government guidelines have been lifted, students will be allowed to return to their school campus to retrieve their personal belongings, as well as return any textbooks or library books they may have at home.

Due to safety concerns – all school playgrounds, basketball courts, and other play areas are currently closed. Students, parents, and the community will be notified when they can be used again.

Please remember, MPS is offering free breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday, from 11a.m.-1p.m. at many school sites: Apple Creek, Bryant, Central, Fairview, Houchin, Kelley, Kingsgate, Northmoor, Plaza Towers, Santa Fe, Sky Ranch, Southgate, Winding Creek, Central Junior High, Highland West Junior High, and Moore West Junior High. ANY student can grab a meal at whatever school is most convenient. You may find more details on your school website.

If you have questions or concerns, please email or call your child's school principal.

Respectfully,



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