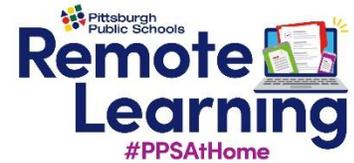




Friday, May 15, 2020

Dear PPS Families,

Today Allegheny County entered into the "yellow phase" of work and congregate setting restrictions. Per the Governor's guidance, schools will remain closed for in-person instruction, and telework should continue when feasible. Additionally, stay at home orders are lifted, but large gatherings of more than 25 are prohibited. To avoid a spike of COVID-19 cases, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Allegheny County Health Department requests that residents continue practicing social distancing and wear masks when entering a business, visiting a healthcare provider, taking public transportation or going through a drive-through. As a school district, we will continue to provide remote learning until the last day of school, June 12. Our employees will continue to wear masks and gloves when distributing materials and food. We are also asking students and families to wear masks when picking up materials or food.



Instructional Packet Distribution - Round 3

The third wave of instructional materials will be available on Wednesday, May 20, and Thursday, May 21 at school and community sites across the city for students in grades PreK-8. Packets will be available for pick-up between 10 AM to 2 PM. Families can access the third wave of materials online beginning on Monday, May 18 at www.pghschools.org/remoteteaching. To identify the school or community location closest to your home, please visit www.wprdc.org/pps-pickup/.

Sites will not be accepting completed instructional packet. Please work with your child's teacher on packet submission.

Families that are unable to pick-up materials are encouraged to contact the District's Support Center at 412-529-HELP or www.pghschools.org/letstalk. The distribution of instructional packets is prioritized for families that do not have technology at home. If your child is having difficulty with Microsoft teams, please reach out to their teacher. The instructional materials for students in regional classrooms, Pioneer and Conroy were mailed and should arrive Friday, May 15, or Monday, May 18.

Grab and Go Date Change for Election Day the Week of June 1st

Grab and Go locations will be closed on Tuesday, June 2, for the scheduled Election Day. All Grab and Go locations will be open on Monday, June 1, Wednesday, June 3rd and Friday, June 5. For a complete list of Grab and Go locations, please visit www.pghschools.org/grabandgo.

Public Hearing – Monday, May 18

On Monday, May 18, the Board of Directors will hold a virtual public hearing. Requests to speak at the public hearing will be accepted beginning one week before the date of the hearing until noon on the day of the hearing. To register, please call 412-529-3868. All speakers will be scheduled in the order the calls are received. *During the COVID-19 emergency*, speakers who have signed up are encouraged to submit their public comments in writing to lgetty1@pghschools.org. All public comments will be read aloud by the executive leadership team at the virtual public meeting for the Board's consideration.

Online Enrollment

The District is now able to take enrollment online. Please visit www.pghschools.org/enrollment or submit a ticket through Let's Talk at www.pghschools.org/letstalk so one of our student data specialists



can contact you. To speed up the enrollment process, families will need to complete the enrollment packet for the school year they will be attending as well as documents showing two proofs of residency, student's proof of age and current immunization records.

Out of School Time Learning Activities Online

PPS works with more than 120 approved organizations that provide Out-of-School Time learning. Many of these providers are sharing virtual learning opportunities with students and families. Families can discover activities that can be completed at home, tutoring opportunities, or a chance to join a video session through the District's website at www.pghschools.org/virtualost. Today's Out of School Provider spotlight is the Allegheny Center Alliance Church (ACAC). The After School Place in Children's Ministries at ACAC has volunteers that have offered their time and talents to work with students in grades K-5. Services include:

- Helping students with the workload provided by their school for Remote Learning purposes
- Providing tutoring in reading and math
- Being a Remote Learning "buddy" that can do various things such as: read with the student or help keep them on task as parents work from home or work with other children in the house.

Availability is based on volunteer participation and schedules. Priority will be given to students involved in the After-School Place at ACAC. Tutors are partnered on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, please contact Anna Schell at anna.schell@acac.net or call Krista Schlereth at (412) 841-0021.

AP Student and Parent Update

Please review the updated *Troubleshoot Tips for the 2020 AP Exams* for system requirements and procedures for uploading AP Exams. Students who experience an issue while testing should complete the *Request a Makeup Exam* online form no later than 24 hours after their exam ended. Also, the student should notify their AP teacher. Troubleshoot Tips for the 2020 AP Exams:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams/troubleshooting>. Request a Makeup Exam: https://education.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1B9R7XJa9dXaQBv

Apply for Virtual Summer Dreamers Academy by May 29

This summer, we will be holding our premier no-cost Summer Dreamers Academy virtually. The camp will be available for current student in grades K-5. It is anticipated to run from June 29 through August 5. The daily schedule will be shortened and will incorporate fun and engaging camp activities that our campers and families have come to enjoy. Campers will log in to camp virtually and will be able to join activities through Microsoft Teams. We will make sure that campers have access to the technology required to participate. Families interested in applying can find the application at www.pghschools.org/summerdreamers and apply using their Home Access Center (HAC) username and password. For help with your HAC credentials, please call 412-529-4357. For assistance with the online application, please leave a message at 412-529-2454, and a team member will return your call as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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