

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians;

As you likely have heard on the news, there have been some changes since I wrote to you on Friday. Given the Governor's directive to close school for three weeks, we will now be closed through at least April 3rd. It is possible that this will be extended again. I will keep you posted. Regardless of how long we are closed, the last day of school will be June 23rd.

Personal Belongings and Medication:

If your child has personal belongings or medication at school that they will need during the next three weeks, please contact me, your Principal, or your School Nurse to arrange to come in to pick it up. If you are unable to pick it up, we will do our best to get it to you.

Borrowing Chromebooks:

Many companies are offering free internet services to families during this time and/or free educational activities. Your Principals will be sending more information, and we are trying to create a listing on our website. If you don't have a computer or table that your child can use, we have some that you can borrow during this period. Please let your child's Principal know.

Breakfast and Lunch:

Many cities and towns are offering free breakfast and lunch to all children whether or not they are eligible for free and reduced lunch. If you need breakfast and lunch for your children you can get it in the town where you live or through NEC. You can check the website or Facebook page for the town where you live. Here are the specifics for some of our most common towns:

In Peabody: Contact *No Child Goes Hungry* at (617) 281-6494

In Salem: Starting Monday, March 16th, breakfast and lunch will be available to all children under the age of 18, regardless of which school you attend, from 9:00 am-11:00 am, Monday through Friday, at a variety of school locations. See the Salem Public School website or Facebook page or call the Food Service Department at 978-740-1230

In Lynn: Beginning Monday, March 16th there will be free grab-and-go lunch at Classical, English, Lynn Vocational, and Marshall Middle School between the hours of 11 and 1.

In Danvers: You can pick up lunch at the DHS Atrium between 11 and 1.

In Beverly: You can pick up bag lunches at the High school between 10:30 and 12:30, or between 11:30 and 12 at Apple Village, Goldway Park, or Holcroft Park.

In Gloucester: Meals will be available between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday through Friday at the O'Maley Innovation Middle School. Meals will be given out at the side door next to the cafeteria; look for the sign.

If you live in a different city/town or are unable to get to the listed site, we have drivers who can deliver food to you. Please email me or your Principal by the end of the day on Tuesday, and we will begin delivery on Wednesday.

Please remember, that although this is very difficult, the reason for all of these closings is to keep everyone healthy. Please limit your child's contact with people outside your home. I will continue to update you regularly and share resources. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours,

Fran Rosenberg