

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*

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Dear Families,

Over the course of the next few days, information regarding resources during school closures will be relayed by the Office of the Superintendent. Please take care of yourselves and we are looking forward to seeing you all as soon as possible. As always, feel free to call or email with any questions. Here is what we know so far...

Breakfast and Lunch

Nettle will be a food pick-up site. From 11am to 1pm students can pick up a boxed lunch and a breakfast bag for the following day. This will begin at 11am on Monday.

Schoolwork for Students

Many teachers have already begun posting materials on Google classroom. We will also have folders of work by grade level available for pick up on Tuesday from 11am to 2pm, and on Wednesday from 8am to 2pm.

We are also encouraging students to keep a journal during this time. This will be a moment that history looks back on and one day they may wonder themselves what happened and what they were feeling as they look back. We will have notebooks available in the take home folders for anyone that would like one.

Other Academic Resources

While our students are out of school, we want to do as much as we can to ensure they have access to academic material. As a result, we have taken the following steps:

1. The HPS Curriculum Department has partnered with Haverhill Community TV to air educational programming. This information will be available on the district website in the coming days.

2. Various curriculum materials have been added to the HPS website under "Supportive Home Learning Resources" found at the following link: <http://www.haverhill-ps.org/supportive-home-learning-resources/>.

3. Students may access any of the online programs used in schools such as iReady, McGraw-Hill Social Studies textbook/activities (Grades 6-8) and STEMScopes using their regular HPS username and password. The launchpad containing those links can be found at the following link: <https://home.haverhill-ps.org/>.

None of these options make up for the time that we are losing with our students, and as we know this is a difficult time for all, students who do not participate will not be penalized. That being said, we are making this available to students as we think it is in their best interest to stay as engaged as possible during the next few weeks.

Family Resources

In these unprecedented times it can be difficult to explain to children what is happening.

Our school adjustment counselor, Ms. McCann will be available via google hangout for any students that need her support. Parents can email her at emccann@haverhill-ps.org if they need to set up a time.

We recommend the following sites as resources:

A recommendation from Ms. McCann:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/amp/>

A recommendation from Ms. Crowley:

<http://us1.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=db11a6f2940a2b3d1fa0b2fe7&id=f50e24a03b>

How to Talk to Children about the Coronavirus:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-coronavirus-2020030719111>

Talking to Teen/Tweens about Coronavirus:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/well/family/coronavirus-teenagers-anxiety.html>

**Here is a pamphlet from the article:

https://www.hemot.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pamphlet_HEMOT_english.pdf

A Comic created from NPR based on interviews with experts:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

The NASP released a resource for parents:

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

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