

Dear families,

I hope you are doing well today. As you know, this is the last day of school before we close for the Distance Learning Plan preparation. Our teachers will not be working on Wednesday and our building will not be open to families or visitors. I will be available on Wednesday to respond to emails and phone questions. Our teachers will be in the building on Thursday and Friday working together on our Distance Learning Plan which, if needed, will be implemented on Tuesday, March 31.

Distance Learning Technology & Supplies

Children, parents and visitors will not be able to access the building on Thursday or Friday. We will have an opportunity for families who were not able to send their children this week to pick up technology, books and other supplies. We will ask parents to drive up to the plaza (rather as you do at the end of day at pick up time) and staff will deliver these learning resources to your car. Please contact your child's teacher if you need us to make arrangements to deliver resources to you. We also encourage families to support each other by making arrangements to pick up supplies for each other.

Thursday, March 19 School Supply Pick Up Schedule / Arrangements

11am - Noon 4 / 5 Grade Families

Noon - 1pm 2 / 3 Grade Families

1pm - 2pm K/ 1 Grade Families

(families with siblings should just pick a window that works for them)

Classroom teachers and our Specialists are all working very hard to prepare materials and supplies in preparation for what is a likely sustained period of school closing. We are also doing detailed planning and provision for fully supporting students who receive special education and intervention services. We appreciate your patience as we design a model for doing this and there will be further communication from teachers.

Child care for emergency and health care workers.

Our wonderful authorizer, Northfield Public Schools, has been a great support and we are in collaboration about important services. I meet with Northfield leadership daily. In order to make sure we have a plan for well-resourced childcare for PCCS families who are emergency and health care workers we have collaborated with Northfield's plan. Erin Bailey is coordinating this effort and this child care will be available for eligible families beginning Wednesday, March 18. During the statewide closure of Minnesota schools, [Northfield Public Schools will provide childcare for children in Kindergarten through age 12 from families of healthcare workers and other emergency providers.](#)

This childcare is available for PCCS families of healthcare workers and other emergency providers ONLY, regardless of whether they have used PCCS After School Care school-age care services in the past. [In order to prepare for the appropriate number of children, Northfield is](#)

[asking that you complete this survey if you plan to access the service.](#) ****Please complete this survey that is vital to Northfield's childcare planning by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.****

Meal Needs

Colleen and I will be reaching out today to families who qualify for Free/Reduced food programming to make arrangements regarding supply and delivery of meal needs. Please call the office and ask for Colleen or Simon if you have any questions.

Auction

I am immensely grateful to the way our community has already donated to our auction fundraiser and for the countless hours our volunteer team has dedicated to auction planning. I realize that there are likely a lot of questions about donations, items and events. I am in communication with our development team and ask for your patience and forgiveness as we figure things out. I ask for and appreciate your understanding.

Community Resources / Support

This is a time where many workers and families will likely need the support of community resources. I have spoken to Scott Wopata, director of the Community Action Council who is doing terrific work collaborating with other agencies to prepare supplies and supports. The Community Action Council has a comprehensive website with a lot of information about how to access these supports.

If PCCS families have the resources, I ask you to be community-minded and direct them to the support of the many agencies and support groups that will need financial help in the coming weeks. This is a time when we can all consider our best way to live out our mission to Make the World a Better Place and serve others. The Community Action Council has a [Covid-19 information, support and donation page](#). I encourage you to financially support their excellent work if you are able to.

Finally, the staff and I are here to support you to the utmost of our ability over the coming days and weeks. This is uncharted territory, but we feel confident we are up to the task of preparing the best, most equitable, and most progressive distance learning plan we can. Did I mention just what a remarkable staff I work alongside? Get used to hearing me say that over and over. Teachers and I will be sending out regular communications as we develop our Distance Learning Plan, and continue our work of educating, caring for and loving your children.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Simon

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