



John T. Pirie Fine Arts & Academic Center
650 E. 85th St.
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March 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,


This letter is to inform you of the updates regarding the school closures due to the COVID-19 Disease. Beginning on Tuesday, March 17th all CPS schools will be closed until Monday, March 30th. Students are expected to return on Tuesday, March 31st. Parents please listen to the news and radio each day for CPS updates. I will also send out Robo-Calls to all families informing you of the updates and when our students will return. During the closure, our school will be thoroughly cleaned after the elections. We are a polling place, so you may still come to the school to vote if this is your polling place. Voting hours are 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Students have been sent home today with homework packets to work on while they are out of school. Mrs. Bell has uploaded all of the instructional and digital resources on our Pirie Website (pirie.cps.edu) for your children to work on in addition to the packets teachers have sent home. CPS has also sent parents an email with the resources noted that can be used at home. Students have access to our current on line resources and they have a copy of their log-ins and passwords. Please read to your students each day and/or have students read to you. Students will be allowed to bring home some of their instructional materials that they will need to use for their assignments. If your child forgot their packet, you may call the school and request to pick up the packet between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Meals will be provided to students between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. My lunchroom staff will meet your children at the Main Entrance and students will be given 6 bags (3 Breakfast and 3 Lunch) to bring home. You may send them with a bag so that they don't drop their meals or an adult may accompany them to the school to help them carry their meals home if they are not in a car.

Thank you for your patience during this time and please make sure you are remaining safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (773) 535-3435. I will be in the building each day.

Sincerely,


Senalda R. Grady,
Principal