

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Flyers:

The Freehold YMCA has a self monitoring blood pressure program. Details [here](#).

Neighborhood Connections to Health has a meeting on March 26th. All are welcome. Details in English and Spanish [here](#).

CentraState has announced various courses it offers:

Babysitting. Details [here](#).

Girls Grow Up. Details [here](#).

Summer Camps. Details [here](#).

Cupcake Club: Details [here](#).

We forward you simplified information sheets from the CDC on Coronavirus:

Stop the Spread of Germs. Details in English [here](#). Details in Spanish [here](#).

Symptoms of Coronavirus. Details in English [here](#). Details in Spanish [here](#).

Coronavirus Fact Sheet. Details in English [here](#). Details in Spanish [here](#).

Coronavirus:

There has been increased concern about the Coronavirus as the number of active cases in New Jersey have started to climb and we can see the impact on communities in other parts of the country and the world. Measures are being taken to stop or slow the spread. Individuals continue to be told to wash hands regularly, don't touch your face or eyes, sneeze into your sleeve, and if you're sick, stay home. We in the school continue specialized cleaning, paying particular attention to disinfecting touch points (e.g. door knobs, handrails, etc.), as well as doing large scale disinfecting with specialized equipment during the weekends. Also, we continue our close coordination with Freehold health officials and the various state agencies providing guidance and information on the outbreak.

Yesterday an important piece of guidance was provided to all NJ districts by the Department of Education. If for some reason a public health official directs in writing that a schools or schools be closed, we can place the students on home instruction and educate them remotely per our home instruction policy. This home instruction would count towards the 180 day requirement for schooling. To that end, we have moved into high gear developing an operational plan on how to do that. This has never been allowed before, so pretty much everyone is starting from scratch. There are many components. One of the first outcomes that you will see is a district survey seeking to know how many homes have a computer device and Internet access. This information will inform the technology part of our plan. We are also working on the instructional component and the support component. Also, we are looking at planning related to those on a free/reduced lunch. Students can expect some rehearsals of using devices and working with the systems for home instruction. Our emphasis is on having a plan that we can actually implement with success. Our plan will have to be approved by the County Superintendent before we can implement it. I doubt we will ever be able to match on home instruction the

quality of what we do with a full day of school here, but I know we can provide more value than just sitting home with no instruction at all. Look for more on this topic soon.

For you our parents/guardians, we urge you too to start some contingency planning. It is possible that schools may be directed to close to prevent large scale gatherings in close proximity, yet other economic functions go on as normal. I urge you to have a plan on what to do if schools are directed to close but you still must go to work. This should not only include something for a day or two, but also for a situation that goes on for weeks. Solid planning covers a wide range of contingencies. That is what we are focusing on in the district and urge you to do the same at home. We will continue to push out information and operate with transparency as we prepare for this unique contingency.

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Mar 8: Shift to Daylight Savings Time (spring forward 1 hour)

Mon, Mar 9: Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)

Tue, Mar 10: Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)

Wed, Mar 11: IR3 reports sent home

Fri, Mar 13: PAE PTO Talent Show

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Mon, Mar 16: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria) (tentative budget approval)

Fri, Mar 20: FIS musical Annie Jr

Sat, Mar 21: Future Problem Solver State Bowl at Kean University

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Thu, Mar 26: Title I Parent Involvement Night - District Reading Fair

Sat, Mar 28: PAE PTO Basket Raffle

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Mon, Apr 6: End Marking Period 3

Mon, Apr 6: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Wed, Apr 8: Early dismissal, start of spring break

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Mon, Apr 20: Schools reopen

Mon, Apr 20: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Thu, Apr 23: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

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Tue, Apr 28: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

Wed, Apr 29: Title I Parent Involvement Night (Math)

Thu, Apr 30: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

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Mon, May 4: Start NJSLA state assessment testing - FIS

Thank you.

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Superintendent

