

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are all aware, Governor Pritzker announced the statewide closure of all Illinois schools through at least March 30. Due to this mandate, all Centralia City Schools students will not be in attendance from Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30. At this time, students are scheduled to return on Tuesday, March 31. This closure includes all extra-curricular events as well.

While we know that nothing can replace the time your child spends in the classroom, we are taking steps to ensure that families are able to stay connected to the school and that learning opportunities are available for all students.

Each teacher will be sending home a packet that will give students tasks each day that can be completed at home. A daily check-in from parents at some point in the day using ClassDojo will count for student attendance. Sign up information for ClassDojo will be included in this packet if you have not already signed up. Additional educational resources are available to students using the online resources included in each packet.

We understand that having students home during the day may create a hardship regarding meals. To help ease this situation, Centralia City Schools will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to our students at no charge. CCS 135 buses will run their regular routes to deliver food to the bus stops. Breakfast and lunch will both be delivered, and at the end of the week, we will reevaluate the process to determine if a different method of delivery would be more effective. Buses will begin delivering breakfast and lunch at 10:00 A.M. *Any student may receive a meal regardless of whether they are a bus rider, walker, or a car rider.*

Report cards were scheduled to be sent home on Friday, March 20. Since students will not be in attendance, final grades will be available on Skyward beginning on Friday, March 20. If you need your Skyward login or if you need assistance, please call the school at 533-7145 and someone will assist you. For those without internet access, please call the school to make arrangements for your child's report card.

For parents who need to pick up their child's prescription medication from school, please contact the office to make arrangements for pick-up.

As this is a new situation for all of us involved, we appreciate everyone's patience. Please understand that as situations arise, changes may occur. We will continue to keep everyone updated as new information comes to us, especially regarding return to school and changes in the calendar once we return.

Sincerely,

Craig Bland, Principal
Jordan Elementary School