

Remote Learning School Messenger Notification, March 13, 2020

Hi, this is Mr. Gardner, principal at Green Mountain Elementary. As you have heard, Jeffco Public Schools will join several other Colorado school districts in closing all school facilities for in-person classes next week, March 16 through March 20. **On Monday, March 16 only, we will allow families to drop in GMES to quickly pick up any items they may have left at the school such as supplies, medication, assignments, and technology during normal school hours 8:25am-3:00pm.** Families were encouraged to collect these items today, Friday- March 13.

During next week, Jeffco Public Schools will transition to a Remote Learning and Work Plan. Students will work on tasks and activities to continue instruction from home during this period. Our amazing teachers and staff have been working furiously today to create learning plans (online and/ or paper based) to their best ability given the short timeframe and under circumstances in which we have not yet had prior. These learning plans were shared with students today at school and sent home with students this afternoon. **The expectation for GMES is that students will work on assigned tasks and activities provided by teachers and staff during regular school hours 8:25am-3:00pm or as time allows for your family. Teachers and staff will be available to support individual families and students during the hours of 1:00pm-3:00pm via email (or additional communicated platforms) unless otherwise indicated Tuesday, March 17 – Friday, March 20 (Monday, March 16 is considered a non-student contact day, students not required to do anything this day).** As stated by Dr. Glass, Superintendent of Jeffco Public Schools, during this time we will “move from a ‘synchronous’ model (where most students are learning together) to an ‘asynchronous’ approach (where students are learning apart and independently). We will need to shift our thinking from ‘seat-time’ concepts of learning (where student progress is largely measured by how long they sit in class) to ‘competency-based’ approaches (where we set forth supports, expectations, and tasks for students, and they show us how and if they mastered the concepts).” **Our school voicemail will continue to be monitored remotely by our office staff during normal school hours while remote learning occurs (March 17 – 20).**

***Link to Comcast internet support:

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/national/coronavirus/comcast-offering-internet-essentials-package-free-for-60-months-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

This school facility closure and transition to the Remote Learning and Work Plan (from 3/16 through 3/20) will precede the district's regularly scheduled spring break (from 3/23 to 3/27).

During the week of spring break, district leadership (in cooperation with public health officials), will reassess the situation and decide when students and staff should return to school and district buildings. Communication to staff and families regarding a return date will be sent at that time.

Jeffco Public Schools know that closing our schools will have a significant impact on our families and we will continue to work with our community partners to identify support services and resources.

We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis in our community. In light of Governor Polis' declaration of a state of emergency in Colorado and the growing number of confirmed cases in the Denver metro area, we are taking this action to protect public health.

It is crucial that you continue to check your email and/ or voicemail for continuous and updated information. Follow-up communications with additional information about remote learning, support resources, food service, and other updates will be forthcoming as warranted. Please continue to check our [district website](#) for information about COVID-19.

Our goal is always to protect the safety, health and wellness of our students, staff, and families. Amid the uncertainty and fear that this pandemic brings, our strength as a community is our greatest asset. We can work together to protect each other and slow the progression of COVID-19.

Jeffco Public Schools will continue to remain in contact with public health officials, elected leaders, and fellow school districts and keep you updated with new information as it becomes available. We thank you for your support and partnership in this effort.

Regards,

Mr. Gardner

Principal, Green Mountain Elementary