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Hello WCS Families,

Thank you for sharing some of the ways your children and families have been staying busy this past week. I suspect that our children will always remember the strange time when school closed for weeks to keep people safe from a virus. I wonder what those memories will be like. The good news is that how we respond as adults right now will largely shape those memories. How can we partner to make this time the best it can be? Please feel free to reach out to me or your school principals with your thoughts and ideas.

Some important updates and resources:

- Governor Wolf has decided that schools will be closed until at least April 6th. There may be future announcements about extended closures and we will keep you informed as we know more.
- **Please complete [this survey](#) by Wednesday night at 7:00pm so we know your technology needs.**
- Updated meal distribution and updated schedule:
<https://www.phila.gov/2020-03-14-find-free-meals-and-safe-spaces-for-students-while-schools-are-closed/>
- Philadelphia Welfare Offices are closed to the public but the staff are still working. Residents can reach out to the Philadelphia County Assistance Office to seek assistance and a range of services (SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, LIHEAP, etc.) for themselves and their families from professionally trained staff members by calling 215-560-7226.
- Here's a [link](#) to how to get and give help in Philadelphia right now.
- With so much information out there, we want to be sure our community is reading the most reliable news sources. We recommend getting your facts about Coronavirus from our City at <https://www.phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> and from our State at <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/>

- This week is technically our Spring Break, so remember that the packet of work we sent home is for next week. The work is not mandatory but suggested and your teachers and learning specialists are available by email if you have any questions.
- Keep those pictures of your families coming in. It is fun to see and share what WCS students are doing.

Take care,

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