



THE EAGLE EYE

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Eagle Families,

I hope this note finds all of you healthy and adjusting during this unprecedented time. Thank you so much for your engagement from home this week. I know that you have been staying in touch with what is happening in FCPS and that you are ready to partner with your child's teacher to implement the Continuity of Learning plan. This week, I met with each team of teachers (virtually) and, without exception, the Liberty teachers are ready to meet curricular standards in a distance learning environment. Most importantly though, teachers are excited to re-engage with their students as they are the reason teachers at Liberty love their job.

We also have plans in place to continue supporting our students with special education and 504 services. Our special education teachers are communicating with their families this week and into next week so that families and educators can work together on a plan to meet individual needs. If you have any questions about IEP services, please contact your child's case manager. If you have questions about your child's 504 accommodations, please contact your child's teacher and or me (jana.strohmeyer@fcps.org).

As was shared by the state superintendent, all Maryland public schools will be closed through at least April 24. Within FCPS, we will be using a distance learning model beginning on Monday, March 30. Distance learning looks different from face-to-face instruction. There will be various tasks for students to complete throughout the week and teacher's will be checking in to monitor progress and provide feedback.

Please keep in mind, this is a new learning process for all of us. Here is what you can expect:

- Teachers will be providing online materials for students to access. Look for communication from teachers between now and Monday with specific explanations
- Instruction and assignments should take approximately 90 minutes per day for students in grades K-2 and 120 minutes a day for students in grades 3-5.
- Communication during distance learning is essential. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions about assignments
- If you are looking for additional learning you can visit FCPS.org and go the 'Supplemental Resources for FCPS Families' section

We know that some families are not able to access the online learning. If your child is not able to access the Distance Learning module from their teacher, you can pick up a grade level work packet from Liberty on Monday, Wednesday or Friday each week from 10-2. Please only send one person to the front door to pick-up all packets. Packets will be due one week from the time you picked them up and can be delivered to Liberty during the same hours we are open for pick-up. These will then be delivered to your child's teacher for feedback and grading purposes.

Thank you so much for your support from home. Please reach out with questions or needs. ☺ Mrs. Strohmeyer

