Superintendent’s Reflections

I remember thinking that it was going to be really tough to have our students away from school for two weeks and then spring break. Now, Governor Whitmer has ordered schools to be closed through the end of the year. Unimaginable!!! So sad. Frightening. Disappointing. upsetting. So many emotions, so many activities that we will miss this year.

This would be the time of year that our kids would be singing, acting in the musical, playing instruments with one of our bands, taking trips, celebrating honors and achievements, enjoying dances, and finally celebrating graduation at our commencement exercises. In 59 years, I have never even imagined something like this happening. But, here we are, and we have to do the best we can to offer rich and meaningful instruction to our kids and to continue to support our students and our families. We are working every day to make that happen.

All of our teachers have trained in Google Classroom and Google Hangouts. This was the first step in moving us toward effective implementation of virtual instruction.

We have sent a letter to every home of every student in our district, and in it you will find a more detailed update of what is to come. The most important thing that you must do is to let us know what technology you have or don't have at home, and if you have internet, what internet carrier you have. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

The silver lining in this mess is that families are spending time together, eating meals together, and pulling together to survive. Many people are stepping up to allow our kids to eat, gather supplies, and plan instruction.

We miss our kids. We worry about all of you and want you to be safe, fed, and happy. Stay tuned for information about connecting all of our students to each other and their teachers. We can’t wait to work with you again.
Our Food Service Department Rocks!

Since the beginning of the shutdown, our food service workers, under the awesome direction of Theresa Elya, have been working tirelessly to produce two daily meals for all of the children in the district who are in need! Besides being a HUGE undertaking, they have served our families with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. This food program has been deemed essential by the governor, who has mandated that it continue, and our people have stepped up big time!

The program itself has morphed several times, and they have quietly led us through all of the changes. At first, we were able to take the food into the community with the help of our terrific transportation department. Check out the pictures and video and news coverage of our food bus days!

Click to view newscast:

Center Line schools delivering breakfast, lunch to bus stops amid coronavirus suspension
School officials make sure students in need get fed

Click to view slideshow:

The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be leaders of tomorrow.
Food Service Continues...

Then, due to changes in the stay home order and food availability as well as attempts to protect our workers and volunteers from additional health risks, we moved the delivery to our buildings and changed the number of days food is distributed. Make no mistake—the amount of food being prepped and handed out has not changed! Right now, 6,000 meals are prepped and given away each week.

Of course, when you use your kitchen—it gets dirty. So you have to clean it up. That means our custodial staff has also been on duty to make sure the work space is clean and sanitized prior to each food event. We are very grateful for these behind-the-scenes heroes.

Finally, we have had a number of staff and parent/student volunteers who have been faithfully helping get the food into the hands of our community members. Bless you!

We thank all of these awesome, essential workers who are the heart (and stomach!) of our community!

Keep checking our website, clps.org, for updates on food distribution and other important announcements.
Bilingual Updates

Our English Language Learner department under the leadership of Laurenne McDougall has arranged weekly video chats with Bengali and Arabic translators to provide school closure and coronavirus updates and a question/answer session. The next Bengali call is Monday, April 6th, at 1pm at https://meet.google.com/abo-bwix-crt. Watch for future calls on our Facebook pages or the district’s website calendar!

Teachers Having Babies!

- Congratulations to Jill, Branko, and Grandma Eve on the birth of Vinny Hamilton on 3/24/20. Vinny weighed 9.48 pounds and is 22.5 inches long. Mom and family are doing well and are so happy to have Vinny with us.
- Congrats to Shannon McCarver and her family. Her son, Leo, was born on 3/28/20 weighing 8lbs 13oz and 21” long. Mom and family are feeling so lucky and happy.
- More congrats! Bentley Ryan Alexander Andrus-Galliway arrived 3/29/20 around 8:30am. He was 9lbs 4oz and 21 inches long. He’s a big boy!! All are doing well!!
CLHS Happenings

CLHS Donates Supplies to Pontiac Hospital

After seeing post after post on social media of friends, family members and strangers desperate for medical supplies and personal protection equipment, Principal Andrea Szabo took action. She contacted administration and the CTE director to see if the school could donate supplies from our emergency medical technician class to a hospital in need.

CLHS donated 20 personal protection gowns, over 100 N95 masks, two face shields, 72 pairs of goggles, 22 medical shields, and 30 boxes of gloves to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac; Superintendent Kaltz has a neighbor who works there and gratefully accepted the donation. Read the full article online in the Warren Weekly.

WSU C2 Pipeline Virtual Classes

Participants have 25 “Zoom Channels” to choose from. Each channel represents our programming at one of 24 partner high schools. The CLHS channel has been from 3-4pm Mondays through Thursdays. Students and families may choose which show interests them joining a Zoom Room, where students can interact with each other and our staff. Students are not limited to that room and can move around. If you do not attend any of these schools, please still feel free to still join us. Although these are geared to high school students, those in other grades may still benefit. The schedule can be found at https://c2pipeline.wayne.edu/virtual

Staff Sends Students Messages

CLHS teachers have been reaching out to their students since the shutdown began through weekly phone calls, emails, notes, and Google Hangouts. This week, Principal Szabo put together a slideshow of messages from staff to students. This shutdown is unprecedented, but it doesn’t change the fact that our staff loves our kids! Together, we will get through this!

Click on the screenshot or visit the CLHS Facebook page to see the slideshow.

Weekly Activity Guide

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Academy 21

Surviving the Shutdown

Academy 21 teacher Robert Resio used his creative side to write a song parody for Academy 21 students, channeling Gloria Gaynor. Check it out at https://youtu.be/bmev65eK6kA

What’s Up at Wolfe

Virtual Spirit Week

Let’s have some fun this week WARRIORS!!! Participate in our Virtual Spirit Week by dressing the part and posting your pictures in the comments to show your spirit!

Monday (3/23): Sports Day (wear your favorite sports team)
Tuesday (3/24): Pajama Day
Wednesday (3/25): Warrior Wednesday (Wolfe shirt or green and white to show school spirit)
Thursday (3/26): Class Color Day (5 - red 7 - blue 8 - black)
Friday (3/27): Crazy/Mismatched Sock Day
Roose Roundup

Faces on Facebook

Roose staff have been busy trying to connect with kids. Every weekday morning, Principal John Grob does announcements and birthdays by video on the Roose Facebook page.

Encouragement Challenge

Roose staff gave its students this challenge: “I am asking that you take a moment out of your day and write a letter of thanks to all of the wonderful hospital workers who are working very hard to keep everyone safe and healthy. When you complete your letter, have your parent/guardian take a picture of the letter or record a video of you reading the letter. Once a picture is taken and/or your video is complete, we are asking that you email a copy to Mr. Grob (grobj@clps.org), Ms. Binge (bingem@clps.org), or Ms. McDougall (mdougalll@clps.org) and post it to a social media site using the following hashtags: #RooseElementary #DearHospitals #LoveCLPS.”

Lots of students really stepped up! Here are a few samples!

All of our teachers have been spending time working on setting up Google Classrooms. Some have found additional ways to reach out and share their love of learning with the students. Mrs. Mary Binge has been reading stories online (click below) while also leading many teachers in virtual lesson preparation. Ms. Julia Robine set up a Weebly website for her art students!
Principal Matt Provost set up a YouTube channel where he reads a chapter to the students daily! The videos are also posted to Crothers’ Facebook page.

Roose held a Reading Spirit Week—and lots of great photos were submitted! See more on the Roose Facebook page!

Check out the work done on these teacher pages!

Welcome to the Crothers Reading Club!

Roose Rockets Reading Spirit Week
Take a picture and post on:
Facebook Roose Elementary
Instagram roose_elementary
Twitter @CLPublicSchools
You can also email to kimmerchen@org or markiechon.org.

We will love to see where you are reading.

Monday: Read with your favorite stuffed animal
Tuesday: Read on your bed
Wednesday: Read outside
Thursday: Read with a pet, if you don’t have a pet read with your favorite toy
Friday: Read with a family member

Roose’s Reading Spirit Week

Click me!
Mrs. Snyder's class had its first video chat. They discussed what they've been up to, what work they've been working on, what books they've read and what movies they've watched. They heard a story and recited the panda chant. They can't wait for their next chat in a few days!

Peck Points

Reaching Out through Video

Every weekday morning, Peck has announcements posts on the Peck Elementary PTC Facebook page. Sometimes it's Principal Meghan Evoy; sometimes there are guest announcers! Click a photo to listen in!

Peck staff put together this "We miss you!" video for their students. Click to view!

Peck staff also take turns reading books and posting the videos on the Facebook page. Here are a few of the past readers—click and enjoy!
Peck staff issued students and families the challenge to read instead of watching TV—with a prize drawing for sending in pictures of themselves reading.

A few more videos...

...and a few more great looking teacher pages!
Check Out the ECC Facebook Page!

The Center Line Early Childhood Center Facebook Page is busy, busy, busy! From Day 1 of the shutdown, teachers have been posting videos of themselves reading, singing, dancing, and exercising—you name it! Families are encouraged to post pictures of their participation. The page also has been giving lots and lots of resources and links to age-appropriate activities and articles. Check it out for yourself!
Resources

Take Care of You!

This is an unusual time in history. There are so many unknowns, and we are all trying to figure things out one day at a time. Virtual school—that will be new for so many. Losing sports and activities and social events—those can have a toll on one’s mental health, along with seeing only a small group of people for a long period of time. Some people may not be able to work and wonder where the next meal might come from. We list many resources—physical, academic, social, mental health—on our website. Make sure you take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbor. And, if you need help, ask. We’re all in this together, and together we can do it!

Here’s a partial list of a few food resources besides the CLPS program:

**Macomb Food Program**'s food program resource map: [https://gis.macombgov.org/go/food](https://gis.macombgov.org/go/food)

**Gleaners’** distribution site map: [https://www.gcfb.org/community-distribution-sites/](https://www.gcfb.org/community-distribution-sites/)

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**Gleaners Community Food Bank** of Southeastern Michigan

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**Center Line Public Schools**

A Place and a Program for Every Student

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources**

**Informational Websites:**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)
- Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services - [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- Macomb County Health Department - [https://health.macombgov.org/Health-Programs/DC-Coronavirus](https://health.macombgov.org/Health-Programs/DC-Coronavirus)
- World Health Organization - [www.who.int/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/coronavirus)
Submissions are welcome and encouraged; email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org. Let us know how—and what—you’re doing!

Please fill out our Home Technology Survey to help us determine your child’s educational needs. Please fill out only one survey per household. Thank you!

- Copy of survey in Arabic: https://forms.gle/pU3ds2ciH2KQmMcg6
- Copy of survey in Bengali: https://forms.gle/CwWCL4v2s4miwzaw6

Take the US 2020 Census

It matters! You count! It’s important that every household in America participate. Click the blue logo for more information. Click “Shape your future” to go to the Census website.

STAY HOME.
STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.
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