March 15, 2020

Cornell Families:

We hope you have been able to enjoy your weekend despite what is occurring with the Coronavirus situation. We have been finalizing our instructional plans as well as putting together other vital services that we believe are necessary at this time. Below is an overview of each.

**Breakfast and Lunch Distribution:**
The Cornell School District will continue preparing and offering breakfast and lunch for our students during the closure. **Breakfast will be available starting Tuesday, March 17, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am,** and **lunch will be available starting Monday, March 16, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.** These meals will be a “Grab and Go” style, and will happen daily throughout the closure, except weekends. The following local pick-up sites have been arranged:

- Neville Island - Cottage Park Pavilion
- Coraopolis - 5th Avenue Gazebo (parking lot)
- Cornell School District - Cafeteria (must enter through the cafeteria entrance, where students enter in the morning)

All families are encouraged to contact Mrs. Carla Antoniades, Director of Pupil Services, for further information or for additional assistance if needed: cantoniades@cornellsd.org or 412-264-5010 ext. 113.

A special thank you to the Coraopolis and Neville Island officials who were true partners in arranging this!

**Student Academic Work:**
Cornell High School parents, please have your child check their school email addresses regularly for daily academic work from their teachers. Cornell High School teachers have also been updating their online learning systems, such as Google Classrooms, and students should be familiar with those platforms. Cornell High School teachers will be holding morning and afternoon contact hours where they will be available to answer questions if parents or students have questions via email, phone calls, video conferencing, etc. Teachers will be communicating those with students and families.

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Cornell Elementary parents, please check your email addresses as well for student work that teachers assign. Students were sent home on Thursday afternoon with their English Language Arts and math textbooks. Teachers will also be sharing information via their communication apps: Class Dojo or Remind App. Just like the high school teachers, Cornell Elementary teachers will be holding morning and afternoon communication hours. Please reach out to your child’s grade level teaching team if you have any questions.

**Comcast Internet Essentials Program:**
Comcast is offering 60 days of free internet through their Comcast Essentials program for any and all families that qualify. Here is a link to that program along with directions on how to sign-up for the program: [https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19](https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19)

The Cornell School District thanks you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We believe we have a solid plan in place to offer alternative instructional methods, as well as providing food options for our students. If you have any questions you can reach out the school offices, the phone numbers and extensions are below. The office hours will fluctuate, but we’ll be checking messages regularly.

- Cornell High School – 412-264-5010 ext. 121
- Cornell Elementary School – 412-264-5010 ext. 141 or 143
- Special Education Office – 412-264-5010 ext. 111
- Cornell High School Guidance Office – 412-64-5010 ext. 110
- District Office – 412-264-5010 ext. 100

As we go through this process we’ll adjust our procedures as necessary. This has truly been a team effort with the entire Cornell faculty and staff, as well as Coraopolis and Neville Island leadership. Thank you to all!

Dr. Aaron Thomas
Superintendent