



Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of you who have reached out to offer your support and words of kindness. Response to the COVID-19 pandemic is uncharted territory for us all, and our first concern is our community's safety. To that end, we will be closed from March 16-27. This is a full closure and includes all events, after school programming, and all school-sponsored on or off-campus activities. There will be no enrichment on Monday. The board of trustees and administration will meet this week to discuss whether an extended closure is warranted.

We currently do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 at WHMS. We continue to monitor information from the CDC and all state and local agencies to keep as up to date as possible in this rapidly evolving situation.

On Monday, March 16, the faculty and staff will have a full day of professional development as already planned. The day will be dedicated to the preparation for delivery instruction remotely. While this will look very different throughout the levels, the common thread is that we want to provide the children with opportunities to continue learning, maintain a connection between the students and their school, and support our community members as we navigate this difficult situation. The teachers will work together on their remote instruction plans, get new ideas and refine plans that have already been made. They will explore and share new tools and look for ways to support parents as well. The faculty and staff will also have time to meet again on Tuesday as needed. Teachers will be sending information to you and/or your child(ren) beginning on Tuesday.

We recognize that closing may be a hardship for your family. If your family is in need of support with childcare, or is in need of any other support, we will try to help in any way we can. I hope that families will also reach out to help each other. Please reach out to one of us if help is needed.

Children, like adults, can be very worried about the coronavirus. Our school counselor, Bethany Burroughs, will be available during the week and will be putting together some resources.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time, and hope that we can welcome the children back soon.

Sincerely,

Susan Kambrich, Ed.D.
Head of School