

Dear Clemens Families,

Many of you are concerned about the increasing threat of COVID-19 and how it is affecting our schools. Our team has been working on a plan to address many of these concerns and will continue to do so as we learn more about the spread of the illness and how we can keep ourselves and our students healthy and safe.

Here's what we know so far:

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Monday, March 16th – Tuesday, March 31st

What does this mean?

Beginning today, March 13, at 6pm, all schools will be closed to all outside activities. This includes any outside activities such as sporting events, church services, basketball, after school care, Clemens Community Pool, PYAC, Scouts, Pre-school, etc.

Community

We will be offering food services to all students within the district. We will serve lunch to all children aged 18 and younger from March 16 through March 31 at Clemens Primary from 12-1. It will be a "Grab and Go" lunch. Students will not eat on site. Please communicate with your families that this service will be provided throughout our two week closure.

Food Pantry

As usual, students involved in the Weekend Food Pack Program will receive their food pack this afternoon. School counselors will be contacting families involved with the program to alert them about the availability of a Family Food Box pick-up opportunity on Thursday, March 19th, from 8:00am-6:00pm. Boxes may be picked up at Philomath Elementary School.

Jog-A-Thon

We will collect jog-a-thon pledges upon our return in April. Hopefully this will give you plenty of time to collect all the pledges from our supportive donors! Our students did a FABULOUS job, and lots of fun was had by all!!! We will announce the classroom winners of the ice cream party when we return from break.

Packets

Many teachers have put together packets for students. These are designed to keep the kids on a positive academic track. Please stop by the front office today before 4pm if you would like to retrieve your child's Friday folder and packet.

Scholastic Lessons

Scholastic is providing students from KG-6th grade a FREE, daily, on-line lesson specifically created for your child's grade level. The link to access the lessons is below:

Scholastic Learn at Home

Dine Out

As of today, the dine out a Figaros is scheduled for next week on March 19th. If you're able, pizza might be a nice treat for the family! All proceeds will go toward the Philomath PTO. Without the Philomath PTO, and their tireless effort to raise funding, we would not be allowed to offer field trips free of charge, provide items in our Cub Cave to students, build the Pedal Car Track, or even do fun art activities. We love our PTO!!!

Scheduled Activities

We will be adjusting schedules and activities in the following way:

March 16 th	School Board Meeting	Rescheduled to March 30th
March 17 th	PSD Choir Concert	Rescheduled
April 1 st	Hearing Screening	As Scheduled
April 8th	KG Registration	Rescheduled

All Spring sports practices and competitions are cancelled beginning today through March 31st. This information will be updated as needed.

If you know of any students who are in need:

- Feeling lonely or isolated? Text OREGON to 741741.
- Anxious about the coronavirus? Text SHARE to 741741
- Did you know you can send a message to Crisis Text Line on Facebook Chat and be connected with a crisis Counselor?
- Benton County Crisis Line: 1-888-232-7192
- Community Outreach Crisis Line: 541-758-3000

We will be working to ensure our information is up to date, and any decisions made will be in the best interest of our students and staff. We will be reassessing these decisions as we learn more information. You can expect a detailed message from our superintendent, Buzz Brazeau later this evening with more up to date information.

Take Care,

Abby Couture

Principal

Clemens Primary School

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