

Aspen to Close Wednesday, March 18-27

Dear Aspen Families,

As you heard today from the Governor's announcement, schools in Minnesota will be shut down from March 18 – March 27 for schools to have time to put together a full Distance Learning plan as well as to slow down the virus.

As you know things are changing by the hour and Aspen will be fully prepared to offer Distance Learning to all families, provide lunches to those receiving free/reduced meals, and childcare for school age children for those who are Emergency responders and work in the Healthcare field. As of right now students will be returning to school on March 30 but if the closure of schools is extended we will start all of our Distance Learning lessons and provide services starting on March 30. Either way (in school or online) classes will resume on March 30.

Distance Learning and COVID-19 Documents:

You will find documents on the school website regarding distance learning and up to date information regarding all of these areas under current families/Resources.

Links:

COVID-19

<https://aspenacademymn.org/current-families/resources/covid-19-updates/>

Distance Learning

<https://aspenacademymn.org/current-families/resources/elearning/>

Aspen Academy will have classes on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17.

On March 17 we will be sending home supplies from students' desks as well as learning materials so that if schools remain closed on March 30 all students will have the supplies they need at home. Students will not come to school or have distance learning on March 18, 19, or 20th.

If students return to school to have class in person please send back items to school.

Technology:

This week we will be asking all students/parents to test and login to their Google accounts so we can trouble shoot any log-in problems you may have. More information will be coming about student accounts / logins this week.

Safety Reminder:

- Wash hand for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after blowing your nose.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use tissue and immediately place it in the trash.
- Use your own water bottle – do not share.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home from work or keep your kids home from school if they are experiencing (COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath and cough). It does not generally include sore throat or runny nose.

There will be a lot more information coming out. Please check your emails regularly and also the school website for documents and instructions. We thank you all for being patient and working with us at this time.

Thank you,

Dr. Connie Freitag
Executive Director

