



Kennedy Middle School 3/18/2020 8:45AM Update

Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these uncharted times. Listed below is some important information I'd like to share as of 8:45AM on Wednesday. Several of these items may change in a moment's notice due to the fast changing culture we are living. In addition, some of these items are district/state requirements thus I have no flexibility on them. Please check the Kennedy website several times a day for future updates.

- 1) Please email Ms. Dewalt at darahg.dewalt@cms.k12.nc.us if you are in need of a Chromebook or charger. It is essential that you email her first as we have to monitor the amount of Chromebooks that are being distributed to ensure students are only in possession of one Chromebook. Priority will be given to those students who have not been assigned a Chromebook. Ms. Dewalt will communicate with specific families as to when they can come to the school to retrieve a device or have it delivered to your residence.
- 2) We are working on a plan for addressing broken devices. More information to follow.
- 3) Supplemental Work Period: CMS has designated March 17th through March 27th as a "Supplemental Work Period". This means that teachers can only re-loop previously taught material. No new content can be delivered – this is CMS policy. In addition, all work during this Supplemental Work Period is OPTIONAL and cannot be counted as a grade. However, I highly encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.
- 4) During the Supplemental Work Period CMS has made it a requirement for teachers to "check-in" with their students. According to the district this can be done through phone calls, emails, electronic chats or live digital meetings. These check-ins and Supplemental Work options are scheduled to begin on Friday, March 20th at 10:00AM.
- 5) Please be sure your child is checking their CANVAS site and/or Google Classroom site. For now, these will be the two locations students can access Supplemental Work.
- 6) Grades: Third quarter grades will be updated by COB (Close of Business) on Thursday so students and parent have a clear picture of grades up to the school closure point. If there are missing assignments for work that was assigned prior to the Friday shutdown staff has been instructed to make those zeros 50's. Once we come out of the "Supplemental Instruction Period" staff will have the ability to give credit for any assignment turned in for the 3rd quarter. As we understand it, the official end of the 3rd quarter has yet to be determined.
- 7) Parent Resources: I recommend parents set up "work" times for their students. This is not Summer Break. I do not know what the future holds, but as a district we are gearing up for mandatory on-line learning to begin in the near future. This "Supplemental Work Period" is a great dry run for students and staff to prepare for long term digital learning. Good work habits begin now.

Please feel free to email me with any questions and I will do my best to answer them or find someone that can answer them: kevin.sudimack@cms.k12.nc.us

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