

Good afternoon, Barclay families. By now you should have received word from the district that all schools will be closed through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Here are a few Barclay specific items. I'm sorry, in advance, for the length of the e-mail.

Medication Pick Up

- If your child takes medication at school, our school nurse, Jennifer Hendri, will be in direct contact with you in the event you need to pick up those prescriptions.

Food Assistance

- Children enrolled in our Free and Reduced Lunch Program will be able to pick up a grab and go lunch from **11:00-12:30, Mondays through Fridays** at Barclay. This is a shorter window than the district announcement states—I need to go to CB South each day to pick up the lunches and bring them back to Barclay, so I'll need a little extra time.
- During pick up, we ask that you quickly take the meals and head back home. We would like to continue to honor the county's guidelines for safe distancing.
- Students must be present at pick-up. If you have children at other CB schools, they may pick up meals here as well. If your children are in walking distance, I am fine with them picking up their lunch without an adult present—but ultimately that is your decision.
- I am concerned that many of our children rely on Barclay for two meals a day. Since we run a monthly farmers market here, we have a decent network of organizations who might be able to help with additional food donations. If I can secure extra groceries, I will let you know the day and time of distribution.

Distance Learning

- Click [HERE](#) for the district's full statement about distance learning. Barclay teachers have been hard at work preparing activities and lessons for student review and enrichment. Each day, they will post grade level lessons and activities on their websites.
- Distance Learning will go live on Tuesday, March 17th. To the extent possible, it's probably a good idea to try to get your kids into a regular schedule or routine. Not only will it help them stay engaged, it might give them a sense of calm and security, especially knowing that their teachers are working each day and will be in touch with them virtually.
- We are aware that some of our students may not have access to electronic devices or internet service. On Thursday, we deployed a number of devices to kids who didn't have them at home. Additionally, we are encouraging families without internet access to sign up for [Comcast Essentials](#). They are offering free internet service for two months, with a monthly fee of \$9.95, thereafter. Click [HERE](#) to access sign up information in English. Click [HERE](#) for Spanish. If you need help signing up, let me know.

I think I've covered everything, for now. Again, I know that this is little unsettling to our entire Barclay community, so I'd urge you to reach out to me at jbrereton@cbsd.org, if we can help at all. All staff will be working remotely, so I can always put you in touch with someone who can help. Also, please feel free to communicate with your children's teachers—they are more than willing to answer questions and provide support. Finally, I am very proud to be a part of this community, and I know we can all count on

one another to be supportive and compassionate during this challenging time. I'll continue to keep you updated.

Best, Joe