



# Information and Resources Regarding Extended Spring Break

Dear PPS Families,

As we shared Thursday night, Portland Public Schools will **extend spring break, beginning Monday, March 16 with a plan for students to return to schools on Wednesday, April 1** (staff will be expected to return on Monday, March 30, two days earlier). During this time, all school activities, including athletic events and practices, are canceled.

We know that many families depend on schools not only for their students' education, but also for meals, child care, access to health services and other supports. We are working quickly to identify ways to provide services to students and families during the extended break:

## Meals

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to children in the community ages 1-18. Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 20, and Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. Meals will be available for pickup outside the school from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the following locations:

Boise-Eliot/Humboldt Elementary - 620 N Fremont Ave
César Chávez Elementary - 5103 N Willis Blvd
George Middle School - 10000 N Burr Ave
Harrison Park School - 2225 SE 87th Ave
Lent School - 5105 SE 97th Ave
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary - 4906 NE 6th Ave
Rigler Elementary - 5401 NE Prescott St
Rosa Parks Elementary - 8960 N Woolsey Ave
Scott Elementary - 6700 NE Prescott St
Sitton Elementary - 9930 N Smith St
Woodmere Elementary - 7900 SE Duke St
Markham Elementary - 10531 SW Capitol Hwy
Madison at Marshall - 3905 SE 91st Ave
Franklin High School - 5405 SE Woodward St

For more information about access to food for families, please call 211 or visit oregonfoodfinder.org.

## **Curriculum and Enrichments**

We encourage students and their families to stay engaged academically during this time off. Schools have opened their libraries for students to check out books before leaving school today. We encourage parents to read with their pre-K and elementary school children. Many teachers are also sending workbooks, printed materials, and grade-appropriate readers for their students to use during the break.

Printed instructional resources for language arts and mathematics will be available to students and families at the schools sites where we will be providing meals to children. These printed resources will be distributed on Tuesday, March 17 and Thursday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We encourage students and families to take advantage of these resources.

Digital learning applications and websites are valuable resources to use during this time. We are creating a "Virtual Learning Opportunities" portal that will be made available at pps.net/coronavirus. PPS staff will continue to update the portal throughout our closure.

## **Child Care**

Our licensed child care providers (YMCA, Champions, Camp Fire, etc.) will not be able to offer child care during canceled school days or during spring vacation in our buildings. If your children are registered for a spring break child care program, your provider will be contacting you with further information.

# **SUN Service System**

Our SUN Service System Partners will not be able to offer programming during canceled school days or during spring break in our buildings. We are in communication with our partners and will provide additional information as we have it.

### **Health Centers**

Multnomah County will keep some Student Health Center locations open during the break. You can find more information by visiting this <u>website</u>.

Health services are available for all K-12 students in Multnomah County over spring break (March 23-27) at:

Parkrose Student Health Center 12003 NE Shaver St 503-988-3392 Spring Break Flyer (English/ Spanish)

This is an unprecedented time in our community, and we hope that some of the services and supports described above will be helpful to families over the unexpectedly long break. During the break, we encourage everyone to follow recommended practices by avoiding large gatherings, washing hands frequently and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing. Those experiencing symptoms of a cold or flu should stay at home until symptom-free for 72 hours. If you are concerned about symptoms, please consult with a doctor. You can find much more information and additional resources by clicking <a href="mailto:pps.net/coronavirus">pps.net/coronavirus</a>.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy extended break.