

EXTERNAL MESSAGE



NH families,

I really am very appreciative for the support and patience that you have shown. The turn of events within the last several days have been rapid and in some cases unsettling.

As a working parent myself, I understand the worries that we may all be going through. A friend had recently forwarded me a quote from another educator that basically said

"In the end, it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be QUITE apparent if we under reacted or did too little."

There are many opinions about our current situation, and how things should be handled, but what I do know is that providing instruction to our 950+ PK through 5th grade students at home is our current situation.

I also realize that we may have overwhelmed many of you with the work we sent home on Thursday, and I do apologize for that. It was my directive to ensure that our students had at least 10 days worth of instruction just in case. On Thursday & Friday, I spoke with each grade level to understand their plans, and how they were going to not only instruct, but also keep in contact with our children. For us, it's not just about presenting content, it's also about maintaining our relationships and reassuring our kids that we're going to tackle this together.

I have several resources that I will share with you within this letter, but also want you to know that all of the resources will be posted on our website ([New Haven](#)) and also sent through links by grade level teachers.

If at any point, you cannot find what you are looking for/ needing PLEASE contact your child's teacher. (all emails are firstname.lastname@boone.kyschools.us) All teachers are available on-line during their normal work hours.

Technology Needs?

Spectrum is offering free WiFi - see link [here](#)

If you need a chromebook, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Dammeyer (angela.dammeyer@boone.kyschools.us), and we can arrange for either pick up or we will try to get it delivered to you.

Breakfast & Lunch Needs?

- Food will be served from all schools on Monday 3/16 and Tuesday 3/17
- Breakfast will be provided from 7:30-9:30
- Lunch will be provided from 11:00-1:00
- Please call ahead (Name and number listed below)
- Personnel will bring the food out to your car so we can practice responsible social distancing at our schools.

*For example, if I have 2 children that attend Stephens ES and 2 children that attend Conner HS; I can pick up all four meals at one school

Beginning Wednesday 3/18 we will provide food services away from the school at designated locations within our school community. Information on locations and times will be made available as soon as possible.

New Haven Cafe: 859-384-5331

Access to staff-

We would love opportunities to "see" and visit with our kids. Many grade levels are sending out information to their students (either student email or parent emails) on how to use Google Meet (a part of the student's Google Classroom) and contact them online. Some teachers will be recording videos to check in- and many teachers are (as we speak) recording specific lessons so that the kids (and parents) have access to them to do their activities. The bottom line is- CONTACT US for any of your needs. This time calls for many things, but the most important is understanding, flexibility, and grace.

New Haven's NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) Plan

(to be updated as needed)

Letter sent home to families on Thursday.

Please see the attached grade level plan for each specialty. [NTI Plan](#)

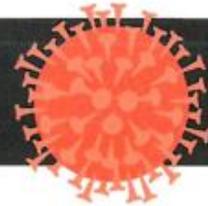
One of the best things we can do for our kids right now is to provide a consistent schedule. Below is a sample schedule floating around, but the idea is to have something visual and consistent for each day that is age appropriate for each child.

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJ's in laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Academic time	NO ELECTRONICS Sudoku books, flash cards, study guide, Journal
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake, etc
12:00	Lunch	
12:30PM	Chore time	A- wipe all kitchen table and chairs. B - wipe all door handles, light switches, and desk tops. C - Wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap
2:30-4:00	Academic time	ELECTRONICS OK Ipad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kid showers x3
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00PM	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

How to explain this to our kids

Our children are hearing and seeing more than we might think, and I'm sure they have a ton of questions. I've attached a flyer that our counselors have emailed out.

SO YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT **Coronavirus**



What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus or COVID-19 is a virus that affects the respiratory system (lungs, nose, mouth, throat, bronchi, and all other body parts involved in breathing). It is passed from person to person through droplets from sneezes, coughs, runny noses, and saliva. So if someone sneezes on their hand and touches a bathroom door handle, and then another person touches that same bathroom door handle and then touch their face, they can become infected with the virus. This is why it is so important to wash our hands and avoid touching our faces!

I'm a kid. Doesn't that mean I can't get Coronavirus?

No. Some people have been saying that kids aren't affected by Coronavirus. Scientists believe that Coronavirus may not make kids as sick as adults. But kids can still become infected with the virus.

Why are we staying home from school?

All of the adults at school want you and your family to be safe and healthy. Scientists are recommending that we stay home and avoid being in crowds or large gatherings (like a classroom full of friends!). We are staying home from school to slow the virus from spreading.



What should I do to stay safe?

1. Wash your hands often and before you eat. Wash them for at least 20 seconds and make sure you get the space in between your fingers and the backs of your hands clean!
2. Try to avoid touching your nose, mouth, eyes, and whole face with unwashed hands.
3. Practice healthy habits! Eat healthy foods, drink lots of water, get some exercise, and get plenty of sleep.
4. If you need to sneeze or cough, sneeze into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
5. Follow directions from the trusted adults in your life. They want to take care of you!



Please call or email me with any questions or needs. I will continue to send updated information as I receive it.

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