

Good afternoon Johnston Families, this is Dr. Di Lullo, the Superintendent of Schools. I hope that our students had a relaxing vacation week and are ready to learn in a new way. As you know, our school buildings will be closed for at least the next two week period from March 23 through April 3 due to the Corona Virus. Beginning on Tuesday our students will be learning distantly utilizing technology to interact with their teachers and service providers. They will be utilizing the Google Classroom Suite to interact with their teachers and obtain lessons. Although our students have been using technology in the classroom for a few years and are familiar with the Google Classroom, remote learning is a new experience for all and will require patience. Students will have the ability to interact with their teachers and view lessons between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. Work assigned may be done at other times during the day however, teachers will not be available immediately. Teachers will still set firm deadlines for submitting work and grades will be given. Students will need to log onto their computer by 9:45 AM so that attendance may be taken as we are still required to submit daily attendance to the Rhode Island Department of Education to confirm that students are in attendance for the school day. Please note that learning is still the primary job of our students and they are expected to be present. You will also receive a daily morning message from your school's principal with any information you may need to know. Our Teacher Assistants will be in the buildings and available by phone for any questions and student support from 8:30 to 2:30. To contact the Assistants, call your school.

The distribution of elementary student Chromebook Computers will take place on Monday March 23 in the rear of Ferri Middle School at the Gymnasium doors with the following schedule.

ECC	8:30-9:30
Barnes	9:30-11:00
Winsor Hill	11:00-12:30
Thornton	1:00-2:30
Brown Avenue	2:30-4:00

A signed contract is required to receive your Laptop. If you have a student at the ECC and another elementary school, you may pick up both computers during the ECC pick up time. Please handle these computers very carefully as we do not have the capacity to repair or replace them during this time.

Grab and Go lunch service will continue over the next two week period. Because our school day begins at 10:00 AM, Grab and Go lunches may be picked up between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM. We look forward to working with you and your children in the temporary learning model. Have a great weekend.