

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
CHARLES W. HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
601 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119

April 27, 2020

Dear C.W. Henry Families,

I hope everyone is continuing to stay healthy and safe. Over these past weeks, the C.W. Henry staff has been very busy designing online learning experiences for your students. I'm writing to re-share important philasd.org links and provide important C.W. Henry updates.

Our Approach to Remote Learning

To begin, the C.W. Henry staff is committed to providing equitable access to all children during this time of remote learning. We are working diligently to utilize technology, online training, and supplemental resources to meet students' unique learning needs. Throughout this week, teachers will continue to use digital learning platforms to review previously covered instructional material. Beginning on **Monday, May 4**, our instructional focus will shift as we begin with new content. We've received a lot of questions about what the 3-hour mandate will look like. Teachers will begin to track students' daily participation in online instruction and grade assignments. Students' final grades in each subject area will be an average across three quarters. All students are expected to participate in remote learning and do so to the greatest extent possible. Each student, by the method available, is expected to login to their student portal each school day, Monday through Friday. We know that this will look different depending on each family's adult work schedules, access to WiFi, family schedules, etc. We commit to being understanding and flexible as we navigate these unfamiliar territories together with you. I ask that you continue to partner with C.W. Henry teachers, proactively communicating your digital learning feedback and needs, helping us to plan in a responsive way.

You can [click here](#) to learn more about the District's approach to digital learning.

You can read the District's Plan for the Continuity of Education [here](#).

Chromebooks

During the week of April 13, we loaned over 300 Chromebooks to members of the C.W. Henry community! I am thankful that so many families took advantage of this offered resource. Do you still need a Chromebook? Or, do you need help with the device that you borrowed? If so, please [click here](#). The District currently has two Parent & Family Technology Centers open to support Chromebook needs and repairs.

Safety Precautions for Remote Learning

While students are engaged in online learning at home, please know that the School District of Philadelphia's safety firewalls and filtering services are **not** currently active on your home WiFi network while using a SDP Chromebook. I recommend that you check out the links below with resources to support appropriate internet usage at home:

- [OpenDNS](#) allows you to customize filters and block websites on your home network

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- [Parental controls for Xfinity users](#)
- [Parental controls for Verizon FIOS users](#)
- [Parent resources from the CISA](#)

C.W. Henry teachers are monitoring appropriate student internet interactions on their Google classroom webpages and during live online instruction using Google Meet. If you become aware of any inappropriate or concerning digital interaction during remote learning, please inform me and/or your child's teacher as soon as possible.

SDP Meal Distribution

The School District's grab-and-go meal distribution has shifted to one distribution day per week. Every Thursday, beginning April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, you will be able to pick up a box of 5 breakfast meals, five lunch meals and a ½ gallon of milk for each student in your family. Each box weighs six pounds. [Click here](#) to access this information on the SDP homepage.

School Calendar

According to the current SDP calendar, schools were scheduled to be closed on Tuesday, April 28 for Election Day. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the state has moved Election Day to June 2, 2020. Therefore, we will be **open** for digital learning on **April 28** and closed on Tuesday, June 2 for Election Day. This change is reflected on our digital school calendar. As a reminder, you can access the C.W. Henry school calendar on our [school website](#).

CWH Counseling Support

We would like to let everyone know that a number of parent-centered and student-centered resources have been added to the Henry counseling webpage. You can access this page by [clicking here](#). In addition to resources, there are separate online student and parent/guardian referral forms that can be accessed on the home screen and completed online. If you need support or have questions for our school counselor, parents and guardians can email Mr. Brogan directly at jbrogan@philasd.org.

I appreciate your support and will continue to be in touch as more information is released by the District. Please continue to take care of yourself and your families.

Best,

Principal Davis

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