Monday, April 20, 2020

Dear Cavalier Community,

Here is today's update:

- **Lesson pickup** Please be reminded that if you chose paper packets for your child, you will be able to pick those up on either Wednesday (April 22) or Thursday (April 23) of this week. We are planning to distribute packets on Wednesday and Thursday each week through the end of the school year (June 2, 2020).
  - PK-3rd Grade at Elsa Meyer (Times: 8:00-11:00 a.m., 12:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-7:00 p.m.)
  - 4-7th Grade at the Middle School (Times: 8:00-11:00 a.m., 12:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-7:00 p.m.)
  - 8th Grade - 12th Grade at the High School (Times: 8:00-11:00 a.m., 12:00-3:00 p.m., and 4:00-7:00 p.m.)

  When you pull up to a site, a paraprofessional will ask you for your child's name needing a packet. There will be no need for you to get out of your vehicle. I appreciate your patience as we work through this. If you chose the online method, there would be no need to pick up a packet.

- **Free ebooks** As the number of school closures mount due to the spread of COVID-19, Follett announced it is partnering with Weigl Publishers, Inc. to offer Lightbox, a PreK-12 interactive ebook platform, and AV2 World Languages, a K-3 ebook program, **free of charge** to schools worldwide through June 30. Click here to take advantage and/or to get more information: Lightbox - AV2 Registration

- **Mental Health Resource** MDHHS and Headspace have joined efforts to provide all State of Michigan residents FREE access to their mindfulness and meditation app, to support all of you during this unprecedented event. Headspace is an app that you can download to your smartphone to assist with guided meditations, at-home workouts that guide you through mindful exercises, sleep, and children's content to help address rising stress and anxiety. This is available at https://www.headspace.com/mi.

- **FAQ answers** Here is a link that has answers to questions you have been asking. PARENT FAQ answers. You may still ask questions by accessing the following survey: https://forms.gle/5uopz6dtj26yKNsSA

- **COVID cases in Shiawassee County** As of 2 p.m., yesterday, (*information is updated at 2 p.m. daily*), there are 94 known cases of COVID-19 in the county (and 2 COVID-19 related deaths). If you are aware of someone who is showing symptoms, you are to reach out to the Shiawassee County Health Department (989) 743-2460 and they will investigate. The following Coronavirus site provides the most up-to-date information (*updated daily at 2 p.m.*). Finally, here's a link on what to do if you're sick.

- **Parent information** Here is a link to information to recent parent communication:
  - 31 Parent communication letter 4.17.2020

Again, thank you for your understanding and patience!

Sincerely,
Superintendent John Fattal