

# BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear BCSD Elementary Families,

March 23, 2020

The current state of our schools and nation is rapidly changing. We are writing to provide an update as well as share resources for our students and families. As you may be aware, Governor Cuomo announced all schools in NYS will be closed until **April 1st**. This supersedes any previous order indicating that schools will reopen any time before April 1st. Please look out for communication from our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Landahl, as this situation evolves and changes around closure timelines and educational supports take place. You can find his updates on the Beacon City School District website: [BCSD Superintendent Updates](#).

Thank you all for your support, patience, and partnership as we work through this uncharted territory together. Meals are being provided to ANY and ALL families. Starting this week, today, Monday, March 23rd and going forward, meal pick-up will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays you will be picking up two breakfasts and two lunches per child and on Wednesdays you will be picking up three breakfasts and three lunches per child **BHS pick up is from 10:00 am - 10:30 am** and **South Ave pick up is from 10:30 am - 11:00am**. If you are having difficulties getting to the meal sites because of illness, self-quarantining, disability, or something else, please email Matt Landahl at [landahl.m@beaconk12.org](mailto:landahl.m@beaconk12.org) with **your name, your children's names, your address, and phone number**. There are volunteers who will drop the meals off next week at your doorstep.

**During this week, if you have any questions, concerns, or just need to reach out please contact us, as all principals will be accessible during this time.** Teachers return for additional extended learning planning next week and will be in contact with students/families March 31st with more information to look ahead for the rollout of our extended comprehensive distance learning plan in the case that we are closed beyond April 1st. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to work through the materials provided from teachers thus far, share photos and connect with others virtually as best as you can. We, BCSD Elementary Principals will be active online sharing information and resources on our websites, social media, and communication platforms. You can access some resources below which are listed and organized by category. Thank you all and be encouraged!

Sincerely,

**Cassandra Orser**, Glenham Elementary School  
**Crystal Sessoms**, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School  
**Brian Archer**, Sargent Elementary School  
**Laura Cahill**, South Ave Elementary School

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The **ReadAskChat** app through i-Tunes or Google Play is free. Use the code **5RVLD4**. - This is a great way to listen to stories and expand comprehension

[www.squigglepark.com](http://www.squigglepark.com) (Literacy)

[kidsnationalgeographic.com](http://kidsnationalgeographic.com) (Science)

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) (Math)

[Scholastic-Learn at home for FREE](#) (Multi-subject)

**Art, Music, Hands-on/DIY** - This is a great way to engage your child's creativity and curiosity with fun, at home, hands-on learning

<https://cassiestephens.blogspot.com> (Art)

<https://www.zzounds.com/edu--musicgamesforkids> (Music)

<https://entertainkidsonadime.com> (Hands-on)

[Wonderopolis.org/](http://Wonderopolis.org/) (Multi-subject)

Tuesday and Thursday read alouds are live at 10 and sponsored by the Blodgett Memorial Library

<https://youtu.be/WVvOnhLA9rg>

Educational resource page:

<https://www.homeschoolingonthehudson.com/blog/free-general-learning-online-kids-classes>

**Social Emotional/Mental Health Supports** - These are resources to help support students in families during this rapidly evolving time while out of school. Self-care and mental health care is critical

[How to Stay Psychologically Resilient During the Coronavirus](#)

[How to Talk to Your Kids about the Coronavirus](#)

[Taking Care of your Mental Health During the Coronavirus](#)

[CDC- Managing Stress and Anxiety During Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

**Childcare Needs** - The link below is to Dr. Landal's March 20, 2020 letter, regarding child care. It provides information for BCSD parents/families who are essential employees (*the letter lists essential employees*), who are still required to work during this time and there is a link embedded for those individuals to indicate their childcare needs.

[BCSD Childcare Letter](#)