



March 17, 2020

Dear Palisades Community,

Today we had another successful day of breakfast and lunch bag distribution at Tincum Elementary School and I would once again like to thank those that made these distributions to our students possible including: cafeteria crew, custodial crew, admin team, Ottsville Volunteer Fire Co. and Tincum Township Police.



Tincum Police and Ottsville Volunteer Fire Company



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Nicole Delguerico (District Office) and Rich Spering (PALMS) staffing the “grab and go” line at Tinicum Elementary School today

In an effort to be responsive to your questions about this closure, we have set up an email address dedicated to this topic. Responses to items that come through this account will either be included in the daily briefing if they relate to a broader issue or will receive a direct response within 36 hours of receipt. Please use this address for questions and comments related to the current closure closureconcerns@palisd.org

District Information:

Breakfast and lunch distribution: Free breakfast/lunch distribution at Tinicum Elementary School continues Monday through Friday.

Tinicum remains the only site approved by the USDA and PDE for meal distribution to all students regardless of eligibility for free and reduced meals by the federal government. All students are welcome and encouraged to pick up a bagged lunch and bagged breakfast from 11AM to 12:30 PM.

Each meal contains a complete meal with a fruit, vegetable, a sandwich and milk. The breakfast meal may contain items that may be heated in the wrapping for approximately 30 seconds. If you require a gluten-free meal, please let the administrator distributing the meals know and one will be provided for you.

Enrichment Opportunities for Students: Please refer to the link below for updated enrichment opportunities for students to keep their skills sharp during our district closure.
https://www.palisd.org/for_parents_students/enrichment_learning_opportunities

Facilities: As I noted yesterday, by order of the governor, our district remains closed for the next two weeks. Please note that a closure includes all buildings, as well as athletic facilities (tennis courts, track, turf field, etc.).

Please note that the Bucks County Park system remains open for your use <http://www.buckscounty.org/government/ParksandRecreation>. In speaking with Scott Forester, Emergency Management/Services Director he asked that you please adhere to social distancing while at the parks (no picnics or large family gatherings). State parks are also open to access trails; however, facilities including bathrooms and offices are closed.

Graduation: At this time, graduation remains set for June 12, 2020. I am sensitive to the fact that this is a very important event in our students' lives and that families plan celebrations to commemorate this milestone. Any changes to the date of graduation or format will be communicated to you as quickly as possible.

Kindergarten and New Student Registration: We continue to accept registrations using our online system (linked under Our District at www.palisd.org). All previously scheduled screening appointments for incoming kindergarten students are cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. We will be contacting families individually to reschedule the appointments.

Standardized Testing: I have not received any information regarding changes to our state-mandated assessments (PSSAs/Keystone Exams); however, the College Board made the decision to cancel the SAT test on May 2, 2020. For more information on SATs please visit the College Board website www.collegeboard.org

Community Information:

Bucks County COVID-19 Behavioral Health Helpline: Available Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (215) 399-5681 (see flyer attached on the site below this link)

COVID-19 - Testing is available: To learn more about the symptoms of COVID-19 and information about testing for the virus, please see the flyers attached on the site below this link.

Donations: Again, thank you to all who have reached out to offer support to the Palisades community! Here are just a few ways that you can help:

- The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville is in need of the following items - paper products, soap, baby wipes, diapers, Chunky Soups, canned meats, fresh fruits, bagged salads, and any protein items (other than peanut butter). The pantry is open on Mondays from 2-5PM, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30AM, and Thursdays 9:30AM-1:30PM.
- Donations can be made to Palisades Community Foundation (PCF) to help support needs for families in the district. Checks can be made payable to Palisades Community Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 194, Kintnersville, PA 18930 or you can visit www.palisadescommunityfoundation.org - your donations are welcome in any amount and they are tax deductible.

- The United Way has launched a campaign called the Bucks County Recovery Fund to help those who may not be receiving a paycheck at this time. To learn more about this fund organized by the United Way to help families throughout Bucks County, please follow this link: <https://www.uwbucks.org/COVIDrecovery/>
- Please consider donating blood if you are healthy. As a result of the coronavirus many blood drives have been cancelled leading to shortages. Both Miller Keystone Blood Center - <https://www.giveapint.org/> - and the American Red Cross - www.redcross.org - are accepting donations. Please contact them directly to schedule your appointment.

Voter Registration: The last day for voter registration is April 13, 2020 for the primary election coming up on April 28, 2020. Please follow this link for the application:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>

Warm regards,

Dr. Bridget O'Connell
Superintendent