



May 14, 2020

College Community Families,

I hope the sunshine and anticipation of the summer months are bringing you some happiness as we reach the middle of May! We continue to be committed to providing you with updates on a weekly basis and are hopeful that you find this information to be useful and timely as we continue our school closure.

Here are a few updates for this week related to our school closure:

- During her most recent press conference, Governor Reynolds shared the decision to reopen several businesses and service agencies. **The schools and outdoor facilities of College Community will continue to be closed until further notice.** This includes fields, playgrounds, and courts. We appreciate your cooperation.
- One focus of teacher communication with families for PK-8th grade students in the week ahead will be related to your son or daughter's report card. Please ask any questions that you have. As a reminder, the report card is an assessment of your child's progress for the second semester through March 13.
- Report cards for 9th - 12th grade students will be mailed at the end of the school year. As highlighted in previous communications sent to our 9th-12th grade families, students have the option for a pass/no credit grade or traditional letter grades (A, B, C, D, F). This allows flexibility and support to our students during Required Learning. All 9th - 12th grade students and parents received an email with a brief questionnaire so that they may select their grading preference for the second semester. If you have not yet completed this questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor or building principal.
- For our incoming Kindergarten and Alternative Kindergarten families: As stated in last week's update, there are no kindergarten or AK round up events this year. There is still, however, important health-related paperwork that must be completed for children to start school. Please be on the lookout for these health forms in the mail with directions for returning them to us.
- We continue to receive additional guidance from the Iowa Department of Education regarding the requirements for our Return to Learn plan. We are developing plans for the fall for all possible scenarios as we continue to learn new information day-to-day.
- **A reminder about our Grab N Go Meals program: No meals will be served on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) and the final day for meals is our last official day of school, Thursday, June 4.**
- If your child has an existing health condition for which they may need additional care when we return to school in the fall, please email your school nurse. It is never too early to start communicating about your son or daughter's anticipated medical needs for the year ahead, especially during these uncertain times. As our nurses prepare for returning to school with various new procedures and protocols in place related to COVID-19 for all students and staff, their advanced knowledge of your child's specific health needs will allow us to be more fully prepared. Email addresses for all school nurses are available on the district website. You may also call your school office to leave a message or call the District Office at 319.848.5200 to speak with someone directly.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the students and staff of College Community Schools!

In Service,

Doug Wheeler, PhD
Superintendent of Schools