

March 26, 2020

Dear , ASA Families

Important Message from the Kent County Health Department

As the number of people who test positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) begins to climb in Kent County, inevitably we will have students, staff, and family members who will be among those infected by COVID-19. The Health Department is responsible for monitoring the incidence of COVID-19 in our community. Those who test positive are contacted by the Health Department and those people who meet the CDC definition of a close contact are also notified. The Health Department staff orients cases and their close contacts about the need for isolation or quarantine. While only a portion of our community will require quarantine, all of us should be monitoring for symptoms, maintaining a safe distance from other people whenever possible, staying home unless it is essential to go out, and washing hands and surfaces frequently. These steps are good for everyone, whether you have had exposure or not. Schools do not need to inform school families every time one of their students tests positive unless there is a specific reason to do so. We want to respect the confidentiality of each family. The Health Department is very diligent in their contact investigation and surveillance. Since school has not been in session for thirteen days, the Kent County Health Department says the likelihood that a child was exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting is extremely low.

Finishing March is Reading Month with Spirit Week

As March concludes next week, we invite all families to participate in a virtual March is Reading Month Spirit Week. Send your photos to Ms. Giroux at agiroux@asagr.org or use the hashtag, #asamirm on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. The schedule is as follows.

- Monday-Share a picture of your “home school” and wear ASA gear.
- Tuesday-Dress like your favorite book character...or share a picture.
- Wednesday-Read about your favorite saint and tell us what you learned. Dress up too!
- Thursday-Wear your PJs ALL DAY. Share a picture of your family reading together.
- Friday-Pray the Stations of the Cross with your family. Take a picture of a station in action.
- *Friday Bonus*-Mr. DeBri will live stream on Facebook the March is Reading Month Bike Drawing! We will be entering in all names to give everyone an equal chance of winning. The Middle School Team will share a book trivia challenge.

New Parent Check In Survey

We are now almost complete with our second week of virtual learning. Some things may have changed since we last check in on you. [Please complete this new survey](#) and let us know how we (and you!) are doing.

Parent Tutorials to Get Your Student(s) Connected

Having trouble getting your K-8 students connected to Canvas, their bookmarks and files? It's pretty easy to provide each of them a separate login in Chrome. Why Chrome? Because that's what students are used to seeing, and they will see their saved bookmarks. It also makes it MUCH easier for them to connect with their Canvas account, where they have access to their assignments. Here are instructions for getting them set up and connected:

- [Logging in to Chrome and adding users \(PDF\)](#)
- [Logging a student into Chrome and adding users \(video\)](#)
- [Logging a student into Canvas from Chrome \(video\)](#)
- If your child is using a chromebook, at the login screen, just tap Add User and sign them in. Each user will have a link on the login screen.

K-8 Summer Child Care Registration

If your K-8 student is in need of child care this summer (June 8th - August 18th), [please register them here](#).

Free Online Events and Activities for Kids at Home

Running out of ideas to keep your children entertained? [These activities](#) include online story times, drawing lessons, museum tours, farm tours, music lessons and games. The best part is they have been classified by Common Sense Media as safe for your children.

COVID-19 & Digital Safety: 5 Reminders While Your Kids are Stuck at Home

Since your children need to be online for learning purposes, it's more important than ever to make sure they are safe online. [This recent blog from Protect Young Eyes](#) walks parents through navigating boredom and your children's online safety.

Please follow ASA on [ASA Today Blog](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Dates

March 23 - April 13

School buildings closed

K-8 Online Instruction

God Bless,

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The ASA Sponsor/Community Partner of the week is: VanAndel Flikkema



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