

Good evening Rosemont Families,

This is Ms. Cooke with an important message.

First and foremost---I sure do miss you! Know that I am keeping you and our children close in thought during this difficult time.

As you are probably aware, today, March 25, Governor Larry Hogan and State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced that Maryland public schools will be closed through April 24, 2020. Even though our school buildings are closed, Montgomery County Public Schools and Rosemont ES will continue to support learning as well as the physical, social-emotional and psychological needs of our students. As our own superintendent shared, it is important to know, however, that this will not be the same experience students have in school buildings. Know that we will work together to support our students in the very best ways we can.

Part of the plan involves ensuring students with real need have access to Chromebooks and the internet. MCPS is providing Chromebooks to students with a need to ensure they can access instruction from home. Rosemont's Chromebook distribution will be held on Friday, March 27th from 8:00-11:00 am. Devices are in limited supply and are reserved for students who do not have access to a computer or laptop at home. We will be using the bus lane for distribution and ask that all families consider the CDC recommendations when arriving for pick up. Also, all students must be accompanied by an adult when picking up a Chromebook.

For families without internet access at home, Comcast is offering free internet access through its Internet Essentials program. More information about this program is at <https://internetessentials.com/>.

More information regarding distance learning is forthcoming.

I know this is a stressful time for all. I thank you for your support and patience as we take this unprecedented journey together. I feel very lucky to serve this wonderful community and will continue to do my best to keep us informed and connected.

Take care and stay safe.