

Good day Sodus families,

I hope this communication finds you well. First, I want to once again say how proud I am of this community. There are so many wonderful things going on right now and honestly it is hard to keep track of them all. I have heard very positive feedback about the communications happening between staff and parents, staff and students, parents and parents, and students and students at all grade levels. Everyone is making the absolute best of a very difficult situation. For that, I am eternally grateful. Each principal sent out a message to families on Sunday with a variety of information and will be doing this weekly until we return. We have been regularly updating our website and social media pages to ensure that we maintain consistent communication with all of you. Please be sure to monitor our website and social media regularly for timely and important updates. For example, yesterday we posted a parent resource document for you to use when assisting your child. Many of you have sent us ideas and recommendations and we are following up on every one of them. Keep the ideas coming.

I want to take a moment to provide you with a few updates.

- I know all of you are wondering when we will be able to return. As of this communication, we hope to be able to return on April 14th. Of course this depends on many factors, and if this should change, you will hear directly from me.
- I am sure that all of you have heard that the NYS Education Department cancelled the grades 3-8 testing program this year. The reason for this is that we will have to make up a great deal of learning upon our return and the cancellation of these assessments will certainly help as we attempt to make up lost time.
- We received approval to expand the lunch and breakfast program we are offering at the Elementary School. As you are aware, we are using a grab and go system. If you are unable to come and pick up meals, feel free to send a neighbor, friend, family member, whomever is able to help you out. We have had many families work together for this purpose and we love seeing that. I am happy to report that we received approval to continue this during the scheduled April break. Yes, we will continue to deliver breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday's up until we return on April 14th. Even better, we received approval to provide every child with meals for the weekend when they pick up on Friday (every child will receive 3 lunches and 3 breakfasts on Friday). The weekend meal program will start this Friday, March 27th. Once again, this program runs Monday through Friday from 10:30 – 12:30 at the Elementary School. Just follow the signs to the back of the building.

I deeply appreciate all you are doing to keep your kids actively engaged in learning during this time period. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or building principal at any time. We are here for you and will continue to do all we

can to keep your child's learning moving forward during this time. Please take care of yourself and each other.

Thinking of all of you. Have a wonderful day.

Nelson Kise