

Dear Pirate families,

As we are all working to figure out our new reality, I wanted to let you know how much we all miss your students and how much we are thinking about them. Our staff has spent the week checking in on their students knowing that relationships and connection are our priority. The focus this week has been to engage with the work that teachers sent home the week before spring break. While connecting with families we are gaining an understanding of who has technology to help them access learning from home as well as who may have additional needs that we can try to help support. As we move forward, we are working on figuring out how to get technology into the hands of our students that don't have access. We are also working on how to help with connectivity for those who do not have internet access. Stay tuned for more information on both if this is a need your student has.

As you saw in the email last night, we thought we had a plan to help families with food that fell through at the last minute. **Thank you so much for the help you all provided on such short notice. The turn out and support we felt from our community was AMAZING!**

Because we know that accessing the food pick up options in town may not be easy for everyone in our community, we have collaborated on a plan that brings food closer to you, and is supported by our North FoCo, Laporte, and Mountain communities. Me Oh My has established an account to take donations solely to support our community. You can go to their website and donate directly. All the donations will go to purchasing produce at cost from their distributor for food donations. They have also worked with Gibs Bagels who are donating bagels to our efforts. The nonperishable donations collected today will be combined with the produce purchased by Me Oh My and Gib's to donate to our families over the coming weeks. Families can come to the CLP parking lot Tuesdays and Friday between 2 and 3 to pick up food if needed. Fridays there will also be fresh produce. At this time, we do not need additional nonperishable donations but as needed will request again in the future.

Next week we will continue the journey of learning at home. The focus will shift from practicing skills previously learned to include new learning opportunities as well. Our teachers are working to apply learning at home to each of their varied grade levels striving to meet students at their developmentally appropriate level. It is going to look different at different grade levels. We also want to honor that learning can look different in each family's home depending on the family's dynamics and other factors at play. Please stay in communication with your student's classroom teacher and know we are all learning how to do school in a new way. I have included a few links with ideas for you to read as we continue this journey together. I believe whole heartedly that we can figure this out together if we continue to approach it with an open mind and open heart.

Take care and give your children a hug from all of us at CLPE.

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