

April 28, 2020

Dear Mt. Royal Families,

It is hard to believe that we have been out of our school building and absent from "normal school" for over 6 weeks. Since then we have all had to change our approach to education and child care in some form. We have made new schedules, learned and still learning new technology and apps. We have also learned our children's different quirks, talents and challenges.. Thank you for your partnership, patience and flexibility during this pandemic. I also want to recognize that many families have been impacted by this pandemic and have close ones that have either been diagnosed or died from COVID-19; are working on the front lines or you yourself are working on the front lines to help keep our community safe. We keep everyone in the Mt. Royal community in our thoughts and prayers and we will get through this together. Our goal during the COVID-19 school closure period is that Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle School will be the **anchor** for our school community during this challenging time. Please take a moment to review the updates below:

"How Are We Doing Survey"

In order to ensure we are giving families what they need within our parameters, we are gathering crucial feedback from families. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey (less than 8 minutes) by CLICKING HERE.

4th Quarter Grading Guidance

City Schools has announced its Fourth Quarter Grading plan. Referencing our goal above, we strive to stay connected to our families during this pandemic and recognize there may be access issues and other circumstances which would hinder students from accessing curriculum fully. We have the highest expectations that students who can access the important work provided will complete the work provided to the best of their ability.

- City Schools will offer a Pass/Incomplete grading option for quarter 4 for students in PreK-12
- Graded work will include online learning opportunities, learning packets, and lessons via television.
- Students may submit work assigned to them via our distance learning platforms. Students engaging with learning packets will not return paper copies. Instead, teachers will monitor and offer support to students via weekly check-in calls.
- "Pass" is issued to students who have been able to engage in distance learning, to include learning packets. Students who pass can earn up to 6 points to add onto their overall final grade for the school year based on the number of assignments completed during 4th quarter ie: If a student completes 80% 100% of assignments they will earn 6 points to their over final grade for the year.



- A student's final grade for School Year 2019/20 will be determined by the average final grades of Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3 and any additional points (no more than 6) earned during Quarter 4 (distance learning).
- "Incomplete" is issued to students whom the schools have not been successful in engaging through multiple avenues.

3rd Quarter Report Cards

3rd Quarter report cards can now be accessed on Campus Portal (Infinite Campus). To access report cards on Campus Portal, please follow the following instructions:

- 1. Login to Campus Portal (https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/campus-portal)
- 2. At the bottom of the list on the left-hand side, click **More**
- 3. Under Quick Links, select Academic Progress (Academic Progress displays in new tab)
- 4. Find **Report Card** and click **Quarter 3** (the report card will display in a new tab)

Report cards will also be mailed to families no later than May 8. If you do not have access to Campus Portal and cannot receive mail, please call the online learning support help desk after April 28 at 443-984-2001.

Morning Announcements and Daily Focus for Self Improvement: Join us on our website and social media outlets (Facebook is still under repair) for daily morning announcements. We began a daily theme for each day – feel free to participate with your children at home; Mindful Monday, Thoughtful Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Affirming Friday. I'll be sharing different insights and activities surrounding these topics each day.

Homework/Tech Help: For help with homework and class assignments, questions about online learning, assistance with Google Classroom/Chromebooks and Blackboard Collaborate, please call City Schools' Homework and Technology Help Desk at 443-984-2001; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Mt. Royal Communication: Please continue to follow us on social media platforms for all important updates:

Instagram: mountroyal elementarymiddle; **Facebook**: The Mount Royal School

Twitter: @MountRoyal 66; School Wesbite: www.mountroyalschool.com.

Thank you for your patience, support and resilience during this challenging time. We remain committed to you. We miss our students greatly.

Sincerely,
Stephen D. Skeen Jr.
Steve Skeen, Principal
Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle #66



Free Meal Sites/Work Packet Distribution Sites:

Starting Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 24, Baltimore City is providing grab-n-go meals to all Baltimore children and youth (18 and under) at 18 meal sites. The meals will be available from 10am-2pm and children and adults can each receive 4 meals/person.

City Neighbors Hamilton

5609 Sefton Avenue Baltimore, MD 21214 443-642-2052

Maree G. Farring Elementary/Middle School

300 Pontiac Avenue Baltimore, MD 21225 410-396-1404

Holabird Elementary/Middle School

1500 Imla Street Baltimore, MD 21224 410-396-9086

Lakeland Elementary/Middle School

2921 Stranden Road Baltimore, MD 21230 410-396-1406

Pimlico Elementary/Middle School

4849 Pimlico Road Baltimore, MD 21215 410-396-0876

Gwynns Falls Elementary School

2700 Gwynns Falls Parkway



Baltimore, MD 21216 410-396-0638

Franklin Square Elementary/Middle School

1400 W Lexington Street Baltimore, MD 21223 410-396-0795

Sandtown-Winchester Achievement Academy

701 Gold Street Baltimore, MD 21217 410-396-0800

Dorothy I. Height Elementary School

2011 Linden Avenue 21217 410-396-0837

Alexander Hamilton Elementary School

800 Poplar Grove Street Baltimore, MD 21216 410-396-0520

The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School

801 Bridgeview Road Baltimore, MD 21225 410-396-1392

Yorkwood Elementary School

5931 Yorkwood Road Baltimore, MD 21239



410-396-6364

John Ruhrah Elementary/Middle School

701 Rappolla Street Baltimore, MD 21224 410-396-9125

Arlington Elementary School

3705 W Rogers Ave Baltimore, MD 21215 410-396-0567

Beechfield Elementary/Middle School

301 S Beechfield Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229 410-396-0525

Sinclair Lane Elementary School

3880 Sinclair Lane Baltimore, MD 21213 410-396-9117

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

1400 Orleans Street Baltimore, MD 21231 443-642-4478