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***LPS will be closed at the end of the school day March 13, 2020 through Sunday, March 29, 2020. At the end of this period, we will reassess the situation to see if students and staff should return on March 30. Currently, we plan to return to school Monday, March 30.***

## *A Note from the Principal*

Dear Peabody Students and Families,

What a difference a few days make! This communication is full of important information for our students and families. I encourage you to read it in its entirety.

This is an unprecedented time for us all. It is a time for us to rise up together and show the best of humanity. Please follow the guidelines of our public health experts (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) to keep yourself, your loved ones, neighbors, and community safe. Please check on any elderly neighbors (keeping your distance, of course) to ensure they have what they need. We will get through this together and we will be a stronger Peabody community because of this.

If you have urgent needs and are unsure where to turn, please email me, [fpappalardo@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:fpappalardo@lps.k12.co.us), and Mrs. Heather Sherman, our Social Worker, [hsherman@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:hsherman@lps.k12.co.us), and we will help direct you to the right place. This communication is full of great resources.

I encourage you to check the LPS website regularly for updated information. <https://littletonpublicschools.net/> and please read the information below. I will be checking email every day so please feel free to email me with questions or concerns. I will be sending another newsletter at the end of the month as well and any updates as needed during this closure.

Future topics: staffing for 2020-2021

I'm sending love and best wishes to all of you as you navigate through the challenges of our current situation. Please let your students know that I and their teachers miss them very much and can't wait to see them soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Pappalardo

## *Important Information and Resources for Students and Families*

LPS will Continue to Monitor the Coronavirus and Communicate with Parents

We will continue to do what we can and what we are instructed to do to keep those most vulnerable in our community safe. We will keep you informed as this rapidly evolving situation develops. Watch for updates through email and on the district website at

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/district/coronavirus-updates>.

### **Students Diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

If your student is diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19), please contact 303-347-3472 and leave a confidential message with your child's name, grade, school and date of diagnosis. We will work with you and the Tri County Health Department to support your student.

### **Access to School Meals**

Nutrition Services will provide "grab and go" meals from March 16 - 20 at East and Field elementary schools. Anyone under the age of 18 may take a FREE lunch and a breakfast for the next day. It does not matter if you are an LPS student, the only requirement is that the child(ren) is present (being in the vehicle is acceptable). Meal pick up is available from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the student drop off lane at Field Elementary and in the bus lane on the West side of East Elementary.

**Food Bank Information:** <https://www.arapahoegov.com/1278/Food-Banks>

### **Instruction During the Current District Closure (March 16 - 29, 2020)**

During the week of closure prior to spring break, LPS will not be able to provide formal teaching or special services. LPS is unable to replace core instruction and special services with online learning and services due to issues of capacity, equity and access.

LPS is providing level and content area-specific resources for students to access while school is closed. These resources are not intended to take the place of regular classroom instruction or special services, but will supplement student learning at home. No assignments will be required or graded. These activities are meant to provide optional, supplementary opportunities for student learning while they are absent from school.

Please use this link to access instructional resources: [Parent/Student Resource Page](#).

### **LPS Facilities / Buildings**

All LPS schools will be closed from March 14 - March 29. The school buildings will be deep cleaned and disinfected and the custodial team will be the only ones who have access during this time.

### **Social-Emotional Support for Students, Families, and Staff**

In addition to providing information regarding school actions and the latest information regarding COVID-19, students, family, and staff can benefit from information regarding emotional support. Helpful resources are found here and will also be posted on the District website. *If you are in crisis, please contact Colorado Crisis Services. Call 1-844-493-8255, or text "TALK" to 38255. <https://coloradocrisisservices.org/> to chat online.* In an emergency, please call 911.

[Helping Children Cope with Stress During the 2019 n-Cov Outbreak](#)

[Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)

[Protecting Your Mental Health During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

**#EVERY CLASS, EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY**