A Word from Ms. Miller

Hello YES Families,

With the pandemic and subsequent school closure, we’ve all been thrust into new and uncharted territory. I want to thank you for your patience as we find our way with distance learning and school meals.

YES teachers have been working hard to create and improve distance learning for your child. When you have a chance, please reach out and thank them. I’m extremely proud of the work they have done. First getting the initial distance learning packets out just two days after school closure, and then continuing to refine and improve their distance teaching strategies based on parent and student feedback.

YES support staff have been on the front lines as essential workers from the first day of school closure. They make and deliver school meals, keep the school clean and in good repair, and keep our office open to serve you. I’m extremely proud of their can-do attitude as they work diligently to serve students. When you have a chance, please thank them for their hard work.

We encourage all YES students and siblings 0 to 18 to take free school meals. Ms. Leyson and her amazing crew are making breakfast and lunch daily. These meals are available for pick-up and delivery. Please call the office to add your children to a delivery route or school pick up. Our goal is to serve all YES students a nutritious breakfast and lunch daily.

Teachers will continue providing distance learning until the end of the school year using a hybrid model of both paper packets and online learning. Current paper packets were designed to last until the end of April. Teachers will provide one more paper packet on May 4, 2020 to last until the end of the school year.

Parents and students have the opportunity to turn in finished student work at the school from 9:00 to 2:00 or to school meal delivery drivers when on their routes. Please put the work in a sealed envelope with the student’s name and teacher’s name clearly printed on it. Work may also be mailed to the school or turned in as an attachment to an email to the teacher.

Grades on final report cards will be based on the previous trimester’s grades. Students’ grades will not go down. However, students have the opportunity to improve their grades by turning in completed work.

We are planning a virtual 8th grade graduation. Eighth grade students are working on their speeches now, and will record them for the virtual graduation ceremony. The virtual graduation will be complete with awards, speakers, and eighth grade photo montage. Virtual graduation will be June 3 at 6:00pm. Graduates will have the opportunity to plan a get-together once physical distancing has been lifted.

Thank you for your distance learning efforts with your children and for your feedback letting us know your needs. We miss interacting with YES students in the classrooms, in the halls, and on the playground. We wish you health and safety during the school closure and look forward to welcoming you back when school reopens. Until then, please take care and keep in touch.

Yours in education,
Louise Miller
Principal/Superintendent