



Swift Reach Email 4/06/2020 @ 2:30pm

Dear Families:

This afternoon, Governor Cuomo extended the closure of businesses and school through 4/29/2020. The teachers and I had made contingency plans, knowing that the extension of closure dates may be a reality. Your child's Distance Learning materials are already home with you. No additional materials need to be picked-up from ASCA. A few need to know items for today:

- NYS Board of Regents have cancelled the June 2020 Regents. More information will be released this week.
- Remember to be patient with yourself – you are doing the best you can as a parent, employee and Distance Learning coordinator.
- Virtual office hours remain 8:30am - 2:30pm. The school building is officially closed and all teachers and staff are working from home. Email is the best form of communication.
- Please use the week of Easter as time to regroup and enjoy the downtime. (Middle School students need to use that time to make-up any missing assignments.)
- Q3 Report Cards (aka – Progress Reports) will be sent as a PDF using the SwiftReach School-to- Home Messaging platform the week of 4/20/2020.
- Q4 begins on 4/20/2020 (Attendance and assignment completion will be a large part of the Distance Learning accountability requirements.) Teachers will remain flexible with N- Grade 4 students, working around parent/student availability. Grades 5-8 will continue to be held to daily accountability expectations; reflective of obtaining course credit through completed assignments (submitted on time), earned grades, and attendance for all subject areas.

If you need internet service - Free WiFi opportunities - We would like to provide these reminders about WiFi access for Albany residents:

The City of Albany has partnered with FirstLight Fiber to offer **Albany FreeNet**, a free high-speed WiFi service. Any WiFi-enabled device – laptops, smart phones, PDAs, etc. – can connect to the network wirelessly wherever there is coverage. For more information, including a coverage map, you can visit <http://albanyfreenet.net/>. WiFi at all Albany Public Library branches and two city parks (near Lincoln Park pool and Washington Park playhouse and skate park) remain turned on, so you can access them if you are in close proximity to those locations.

Spectrum is offering free Internet access to Capital Region households during the COVID-19 closure. The 60-day offer includes free WiFi access and is only available to households that aren't already Spectrum customers. Other restrictions may apply. Call 844-488-8395 to enroll. Installation fees are also being waived. Spectrum also has an **online map** to help you find free WiFi locations nearest to you. You also can check out this **ABC News article** about what companies are doing to increase WiFi and Internet hotspot access:

I continue to pray for all our school families - stay well, stay safe.

Ms. Johnson

We are #ASCA Strong - Distance does not separate us!

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