

### **Parent Information for 3.18.20**

In order to offer more support options and fewer trips to school for our families, we are changing our free lunch options for next week. Beginning Monday, we will provide lunches and some breakfast items to Dixie students on Monday for the full week instead of one day at a time. Parents are invited to call their child's school to request the meals beginning Thursday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>, until Friday at noon. Parents may also request that the meals be delivered. Please be sure to give your child's name, whether you would like to pick up or have delivery, and your address. We ask that you pick up the meal if you are able.

We will use a "no contact" delivery system that will provide parents with an approximate delivery time. We ask that parents/children do not meet the delivery person at the door. Instead, the delivery person will leave the meals at the door step and ring the bell or knock. We want to minimize any opportunities for transmission of the virus.

For this week, March 19 and 20, we will continue to have meal pick up times from 11 am to 12 pm for individual meals.

Online learning started today. Teachers had many productive learning times with students electronically. In addition to teachers' office hours, please be reminded that support for learning and technology issues is available by calling the main office at your child's school each weekday. The secretary will connect you to the appropriate person to help with lessons.

In accordance with state recommendations and like many other organizations, many teachers are working remotely. At times, they may be checking in with students/families by phone. Please be aware that calls that say "No Caller ID" may be from teachers trying to contact you. When you call a teacher's school extension, be sure to leave a voicemail as teachers receive voicemail notifications.

The dramatic switch from in-person to virtual learning is bound to lead to glitches and technical difficulties. Be sure to call us if you are experiencing difficulties and please be patient as we continue to work through some of the issues. Remember, this is new for everyone.

Please be reminded of these resources

- Dixie parking lots have WIFI accessibility
- First Baptist Church in conjunction with the Ministerial Association also has a meals program
- Many electronic learning companies are offering free service and support during the closure