

Callout 03_23_2020

Hello, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School families. This is Principal Nicole Wilson calling. I know this is a time of uncertainty for many of us as we continue to support our families and one another. As we make the transition to digital learning, I want each of you to know that the safety and learning of your child is of the utmost importance. While our school building may be closed, learning will continue.

Over the next week I encourage you to engage in the academic enrichment activities available through our school website as our teachers prepare for their class specific lessons that will begin on March 30th. I also want to make sure you know that our school will be distributing digital devices for students and families that do not have access to a computer, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Any existing device that can access Clever and the Internet will work. If you already have such a device, visit our webpage for next steps.

For any family that needs a digital device, we will be distributing devices for at home learning on Tuesday March 24th through Thursday March 26th . We will begin distributing on tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the bus circle of the school. Entrance to this circle is off 21st Avenue South next to the intersection of 38th St. Both the students and a parent or guardian must be present to check out the device.

In order to expedite this process, please have your child's FIRST AND LAST NAME prominently displayed in the windshield of your car. You will pull up to a designated location, roll the window down, be handed forms and a device, pull over to park and while you fill out the form, students are to log into the computer and connect to Wi-Fi. At this time, you MUST log into the internet before driving off campus to ensure the device works. Parents will drop forms into a box with staff member on their way out of the gate. No computer can leave campus without a proper form filled out and turned in. We will not be engaging in discussions and families must remain in the car in order to maintain social distancing guidelines.

If you do not have internet service at home, Spectrum is providing 60 days of free internet for new customers with school-age children at home. Call Spectrum at 1-844-488-8395 to enroll. If you have any concerns or special needs, please contact the school or me directly. We want to ensure all families have the necessary technology and Internet access to engage in online learning while school is closed. Again, see our website for more information or contact the school via telephone at 552-1737 with questions. I will continue to keep our families updated. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We are a strong community and I know we will continue to support each other as we move forward.