Greetings, Avalon parents and families.

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon announced all Maryland public schools will close Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27 as part of efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. As a result, there will be no school during this time. However, we remain committed to your child’s academic achievement and success. Therefore, we have put the following information and instructional plan in place.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email (veda.mccoy@pgcps.org), Class Dojo or by phone, 301.449.4970.

Sincerely,
Veda A. McCoy
Principal

- Students will be sent home today with work for at least Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (March 16 – 18).
- Students will also bring home their “consumable” textbooks for Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- Curriculum and Instruction will provide online resources for teachers, by Wednesday, March 18, and they will provide additional work and assignments with this and other materials afterwards.
- Primary students will receive copies of leveled readers and high frequency words, sounds, etc., in a ziplock bag today. Teachers will post how these materials should be used on their respective Class Dojo accounts.
- Students will be provided with their logins for SPED, Reading and Math online interventions. Teachers also reviewed this information with students in class today. Teachers will assign work to students in the software platform and will also provide guidelines for how students should use the programs on their own as well. **If you do not have internet access or a device, please let your teacher or me know.**
Avalon Elementary School is a nurturing learning community committed to preparing students, academically and socially, to be college and career ready.

- Additional resources and hard copies will be provided to students who have assigned projects. Families who do not have internet can secure hard copies of work in the Main Office today, until 5:00 pm.

- During the closure, work and updates will be sent on Class Dojo or via email, so please make sure that you join your child’s teacher account or that your child’s teacher has a working email to reach you.

- The STEM fair judging will be postponed until further notice. The display will remain in the media center until we return. Please do not remove or take home projects.

- **READ! READ! READ!** Students should read every day and complete a reading log each week, with daily entries. (Primary grades at least 20 minutes; Intermediate grades at least 30 minutes). Teachers will provide reading logs for students in grades 3 through 6. Teachers may also post suggested books on their respective Class Dojo accounts.

- All students will have daily assignments in Reading, Math and Science; and weekly assignments for Health and Social Studies.

- Students who receive SPED, ESOL and Speech services will also receive learning materials for review during school closure.

- No decision on Spring Break or a change in the last day of school is available at this time.

- 3rd Quarter will be extended; however, no date has been finalized yet.

- Schools and offices are closed. There will be no access allowed to the school, until March 29, so that thorough cleaning can take place. This means that no staff will be on-site at the school, during the closure.

- All scheduled meetings and school events planned for the next two weeks will be rescheduled with 48 hours of our return to school. Parents will receive two weeks’ notice for the new meeting day and time, unless content/purpose makes doing so unavoidable. A list of the new dates will be sent home with students and posted on Class Dojo.

- Teachers will check their PGCPS email and Class Dojo accounts at least twice each day, and will respond to all inquiries within 24 – 48 hours.
• I will telework from home, and my office hours will be 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. I will also check emails and Class Dojo regularly throughout the day.