

GSMS NEWS -Digital Learning Days



Greetings All:

As we navigate these uncertain times, please continue to practice all safety precautions. We ask that you continue to monitor your emails for the latest updates as well as visit our website daily. I have highlighted updates below.

Hello Grace Snell Families:

We trust you are doing well during these digital learning days!

Earlier this week you may have heard Governor Kemp's directive to close all schools for the remainder of this month. This means that Grace Snell MS and all Gwinnett County Public Schools will continue with digital days until Friday, March 27. This will lead into Spring break, which will remain as originally scheduled. Students will continue to complete assignments online for Digital Learning Days. Teachers are beginning to grade those assignments. Please make sure your child is completing all assignments in a timely manner. Remember, if you do not have access to the internet, please stop by the school to receive a packet of work. The current school lunch program will continue this week and next but **will not** be available during the week of Spring break.

We will convey information regarding the after-spring break plans as we receive them.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time. We look forward to continuing a great digital learning environment, and we look forward to seeing everyone when clearance is granted.

Parents, please be sure to listen to my daily message posted on our website.

<https://www.gcpsk12.org/GraceSnellMS>

Gwinnett County Public Schools' (GCPS) announced on Thursday, March 12 that we will have Digital Learning Days the week of March 16-20 as part of its response to the COVID-19 situation. Our schools and teachers are prepared to deliver instruction virtually to ensure that teaching and learning continues. Teachers will be available at various times throughout the day to answer questions.

DLD Assignments for Students

- Assignments for GSMS will be posted by 10:30 a.m. Students will use the MyeCLASS student portal to log in to their eCLASS C&I course pages where they will access assignments, resources, and other materials. <https://publish.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcps/home/gcpslogin>
- Students need to complete five days of work for each core content (language arts, science, mathematics, social science)
- Students need to complete work in their two Connections courses.
- Student work will be expected to be turned in to the teacher as explained by the teacher.

No Computer or Internet Access

If a student does not have access to a computer or device (tablet, smartphone, etc.), teachers may provide alternative ways to access assignments (e.g., via email)

- Parents may pick up a student packet from school starting Tuesday

- **Students may pick up a packet at the bus stop during our lunch deliveries – Students must indicate to the bus driver that they will need work provided by the teachers.**
- Students may complete assignments when we return to school.
- See the following message from Comcast: Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, we are putting in place two substantial program enhancements to help these families deal with this crisis. [Click here for all details.](#)

Slowdown of eCLASS

It is very likely that the eCLASS platform will experience some slowness and potential freezes this week. There are several districts across the country that are using the same platform and the high internet traffic will likely cause disruptions in the service. Please be patient. Wait 10-15 minutes and try again.

Meals for students during March 16-20

Lunch will be served at as part of Gwinnett County Public Schools' digital learning day schedule for anyone 18 years of age or younger. These lunches will be provided at no cost to the individual through the federal School Nutrition Program. The student or child must be present to receive the meal.

Lunch Pick Up

- Student lunches will be available for pick up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. every day next week, March 16-27 in the rear of the school. Signs are posted to guide you to the back of the building.
- DLD assignments will be available upon request during lunch pick-up.

Lunch Delivery

- School buses will deliver lunch to **bus stops** in your area between 11 a.m. and noon. The student may have to wait, so thank you in advance for your patience. I am unsure of the locations, but I will provide you with the information and updates once they are available.
- DLD assignments will be available during lunch delivery at the bus stops starting Tuesday.
- We thank you for your patience and hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to call the school (770-554-7761) from 8:30-4:00. We will have personnel available and ready to answer your calls.

Thank you for all that you do to support teaching and learning at GSMS. We truly appreciate your partnership during these times.

Your Proud Principal

Darlene Brown