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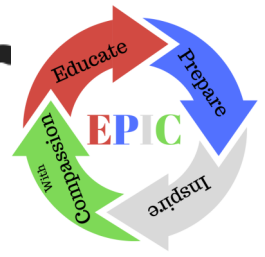
A brief reflection of the past week

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We Continue

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Our schools are working hard to keep our students engaged and connected. Here are just a few ways they are accomplishing their goals using Facebook and other means of communication.

Academy of Early Learning

Principal Farrah Owens has been posting daily announcements to her students. She sings to them and then gives them a challenge to post lunch items that begin with a particular letter or sound.



North Mullins Primary School

Guidance Counselor Mrs. Lee Willis shares some sage advice to her school family during this stressful time. She recommend shielding young students from all the media that is posting details about infection rates and deaths caused by the COVID19 virus

Easterling Primary School

The teachers from Easterling Primary School paraded through the neighborhoods where their students live to let the children know how much they are missed.

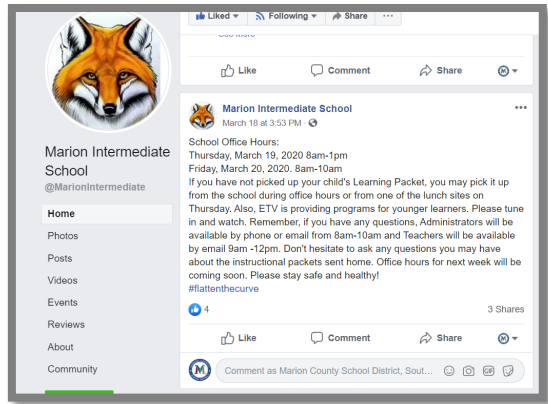
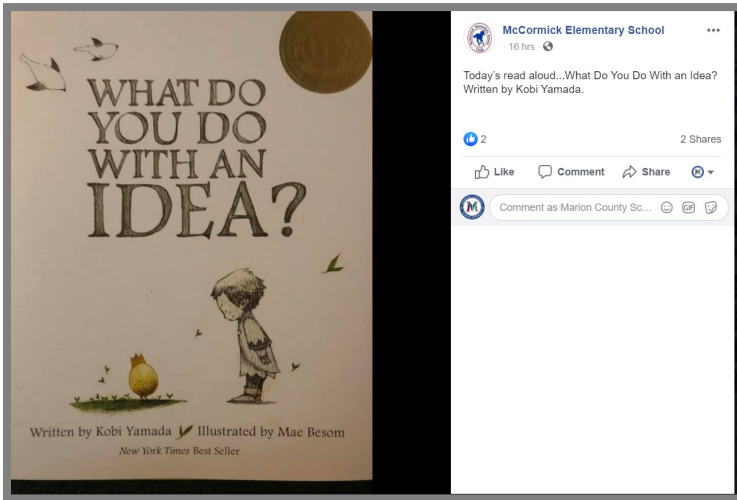


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Marion Intermediate School

All our teachers are meeting with students virtually including the faculty at Marion Intermediate. School offices are also open for limited times to assist parents in any way they can.

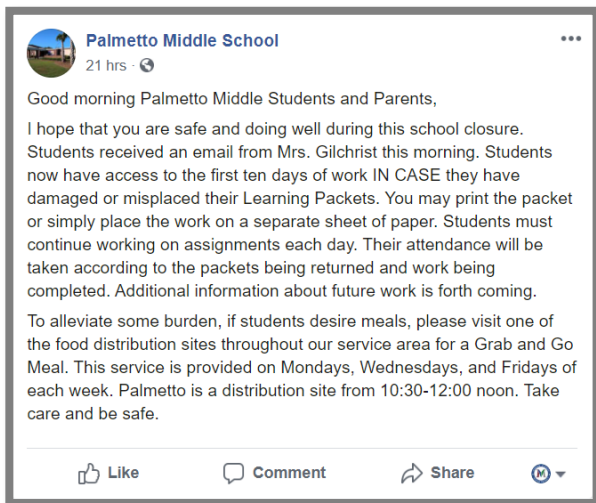


McCormick Elementary School

Some of our schools are reading books aloud using Facebook Live. This is a great way to stay connected and participate in a reading activity.

Johnakin Middle School

Several schools have posted challenges that will get students up and moving, exploring the outside and bring awareness to their surroundings.

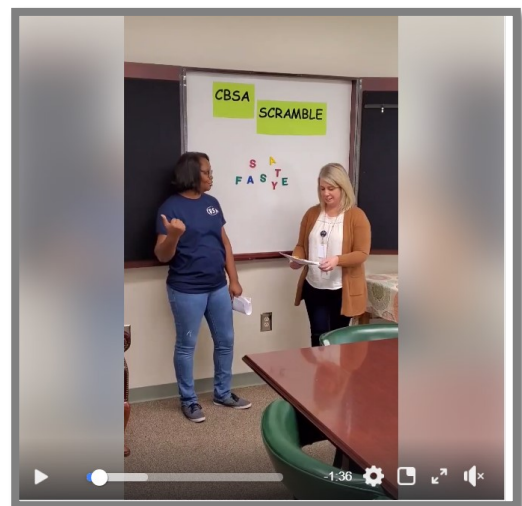


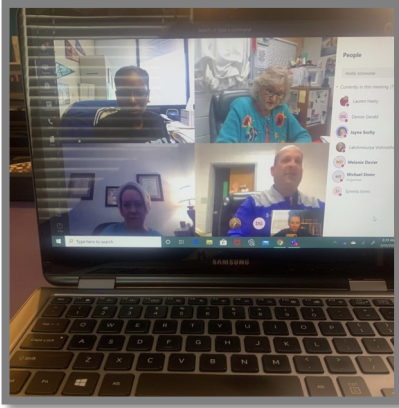
Palmetto Middle School

Schools are using Facebook as a way to get messages out to students such as Principal Gilchrist is doing for Palmetto Middle School students.

Creek Bridge STEM Academy

Principal Stacy Wilbanks and Assistant Principal Latonya Yates-Ford have been posting daily updates along with a word scramble every morning.





Marion and Mullins High Schools

The district has implemented Microsoft's TEAMS as a Learning Management System. This tool is being used with our high school students along with other apps that are appropriate for their academic content including Google Classroom, Zoom meetings and the good old fashioned telephone. TEAMS is also being used by school staff to meet virtually so they can stay connected while practicing social distancing.

District Wide

Our Food Services team has been working to feed students during the closure of schools. This week alone they prepared 7,500—8,000 Grab and Go meal bags to deliver to students throughout the community.



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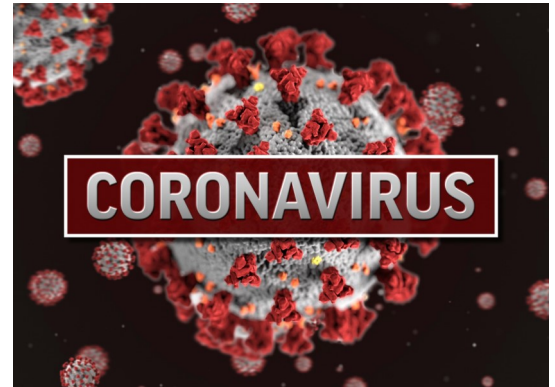
Through the work of many volunteers, The Back Pack Buddies program was able to collect enough food to feed their students for the next three weekends. As just one example, Dupree Atkinson, who has connections with the local peanut farmers had 120 jars of peanut butter donated to the cause. In the words of Maribeth Osborn, "Our Community Cares!!"



COVID-19 Information

The Marion County school District is vigilantly monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will update our Marion County families as information becomes available. During this unprecedented time we encourage everyone to help stop the spread of germs by following these simple guidelines.

- ♦ Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- ♦ Avoiding close contact with those who are sick;
- ♦ Using alcohol-based hand sanitizers (60% alcohol or above) when hand-washing is unavailable;
- ♦ Avoiding large crowds and international trips to the following countries with a level-2 or higher advisory alert from the CDC: China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, and Japan;
- ♦ Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and coughing into your elbow;
- ♦ Cleaning frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household detergent and water.
- ♦ Encouraging staff or students who feel sick to stay home unless they are seeking medical care; and
- ♦ Getting this year's influenza vaccine if you have not already done so.



Washing your hands is the single most effective way to help stop germs. Follow these five steps every time.

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



For more information go to these websites

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/protect-home.html>

Suggestions on how to best protect you and your family during a COVID-19 outbreak. Learn what you can do to prepare your home and family.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/handwashing-family.html>

Handwashing is a family activity. Find out ways to teach children the importance of washing your hands with soap and water.