



**Jeffreys Grove**  
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## **Principal's Message**

### **March 15, 2020**

Dear Jeffreys Grove Families,

As you know, Governor Cooper issued an executive order that "all public schools close for students effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until March 30, 2020, unless extended beyond that date."

School buildings will be closed Monday, March 16, for all staff and students.

On Tuesday, March 17, principals will open all schools from the hours of noon to 5 pm. The only purpose of opening the building from noon to 5 pm is so staff and families can pick up any personal items, if needed.

Our counselor, Brandi Jacobs, and I would like to share some resources about how to talk to your child about the Coronavirus. We realize that as conversations around the disease increase, children may worry about themselves, their family and friends getting ill. We, as parents, family members, school staff and trusted adults can play an important role in helping our students make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate and minimizes anxiety and fear.

[Talking to Kids about the Coronavirus](#)

[A Parent Resource-Talking to Children about Coronavirus](#)

[Talking With Children About Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Your child's teacher may share OPTIONAL resources and activities with you that will help students remain engaged in learning when school is closed. Please understand that the district does not currently have the human and technology infrastructure to shift to online learning for all students within the time frame of the current circumstances. While optional materials you may receive from your child's teacher are supplemental in nature, we encourage you to utilize them to the best of your ability given your capabilities.

Our PTA will share with you their efforts to collect and coordinate food donations for families in need. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and willingness to support one another. I am proud to be your principal.

Wishing you health and peace,

Juli Ventura  
Principal of Jeffreys Grove Magnet Elementary

**This message comes from your PTA President's Corner:**

Jeffreys Grove Families,

Several people have contacted us wanting to donate food and gift cards to support JG families; thanks to your generosity we have received enough donations to sustain our families through the next few weeks. At this time we would like to encourage you to **donate to your local food bank**, or to **St. Marks UMC** (they provide Back Pack Buddies for Jeffreys Grove students).

Donate to St. Marks Online: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=90543>

In the "Select a fund" field SELECT BACKPACK BUDDIES.

The following link lists local food banks, includes locations providing hot meals, and includes the link to Cheryl Mean's form (she is helping to connect people who need help with people who can help. Note, the help can be transportation, food, or as simple as daily check-ins; some of us just need someone to talk to)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FLgseVEMcgwVOeXrROro3jeCW4nJKwfv>

Thank you all again for your continued support!