March 11, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We would like to update you regarding the recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 and what steps CHAD will be implementing in order to keep our community well. Although we have not had any cases of the virus within our building, we are taking precautions to ensure our staff and students remain healthy. We participated in a meeting hosted by the School District of Philadelphia facilitated by the Philadelphia Department of Health. The meeting provided us with further insight regarding how the virus spreads and appropriate actions schools and families should take.

Cleaning:
We were informed regular cleaning solutions will kill the virus. It was recommended cleaning be completed more frequently. To help in this matter, we will be adding more staff members to assist in cleaning the building more often. Teachers will also be cleaning the hard surfaces (tables, desks, etc.,) in classrooms in between class periods.

Hygiene:
The coronavirus is a lower respiratory virus. It is spread through respiratory droplets dispersed through coughing and/or sneezing by an infected person in close proximity (6 feet or less). Officials shared if you need to cough or sneeze, the best practice is to refrain from using your hands. Instead, cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and dispose appropriately. Frequent handwashing with soap and water was also recommended. This is most effective if you sing the “ABCs” or Happy Birthday twice.

Sick:
If your child is sick, please keep them home. If your child has any symptoms of the virus, please contact your Primary Care Physician/ Pediatrician. Please click the following hyperlink to the Pennsylvania Department of Health for more information regarding symptoms and/or exposure.

You can find more information about the coronavirus at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Website) which is updated frequently. The CDC also offers helpful FAQs about the coronavirus.
School Closing

In the event CHAD needs to close, parents and students will be notified via School Messenger. Student learning would continue via Google Classroom. Teachers have been using Google Classroom all year to post lessons and materials. Please contact your student’s teacher directly if you need access to your child’s account. As a reminder, if your child is out for any reason, Google Classroom is available to allow your student to remain current in their class.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our top priority. We are following the recommendations issued by the CDC and the Philadelphia Department of Health. CHAD will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with the district and health officials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harold Brady
CEO/Principal