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# Armstrong Middle School

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Dear Armstrong Parents/Guardians/Families,

We have almost finished the first week of the state-mandated school shutdown and our thoughts are with each of you and your families and hope that you are doing well as we move through this unprecedented crisis. It was a sad day at Armstrong, when teachers reported to close down their classrooms for deep cleaning. We would like each of you to know that we miss seeing our AMS students laughing and joking in our hallways, showing us their unique middle school personalities. And we miss guiding them through the struggles and joys of learning. To support you in providing educational opportunities for your middle schooler, our AMS teachers have created a list of resources and activities for you to use while at home during the shutdown. We hope that you find them helpful. Again, please know that any work completed is not required and these are merely suggestions for parents and students.

**Read!!** - At home reading - 30 or more minutes a day: Read anything and everything at home - Novels, magazines, online articles, how to improve your Fortnite skills, how to fix your car manual, read to a younger sibling, etc! If you run out of books, reread them, reread your favorites!

**Listen to audiobooks** - Use YouTube to search a book you have been interested in reading and see if it is available for a read aloud. Students can follow along (helps with comprehension and fluency) or just listen.

**Write and Draw** - Create stories and illustrate them. Write in journals, research something you want to learn more about, or write an argument for or against a news story on CNN-10. <https://www.cnn.com/cnn10>

**Exact Path** - Students can access their individual learning pathway in language arts and practice math skills. A computer/laptop works best but it can be done on a cell phone or tablet. <https://login.edmentum.com/>

Account Login- kcsd3

Username- student ID #

Password: kearxxxxx (Their Kearsley computer login)

**Study Island** - has grade level science, social studies, language arts, and math lessons available for practicing skills. Use the Study Island "FOR SCHOOLS" section to log in. <https://www.studyisland.com/>

**ALEKS** - Continue students' individualized learning path in middle school math. Students have logins from the school. Complete at least 15 minutes a day or more. <https://www.aleks.com/>

**At Home Science Resources:** is a Google Classroom Account for all AMS students. **Use code: 3yzrfx3** to join. Our AMS science teachers are sharing numerous online resources, activities and virtual tours.

**Khan Academy** - free standards-aligned practice and lessons in math, grammar, reading, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. <https://www.khanacademy.org>

**Google Classroom** - Many of our AMS teachers are also utilizing Google Classroom for updates that are specific to their classes. Students can check-in with teachers frequently through their Google Classrooms.

**Paper-pencil packets** - For those students who prefer paper-pencil activities, packets for students K-8 will be available through email and during the grab 'n go meal distribution next week.

We encourage you to utilize the learning activities recommended above as much as possible to help your students keep their mind active and prevent boredom. None of these options are required or graded. Please let your AMS student know we miss them A LOT! And let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you well throughout this crisis. Stay home and stay safe,

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Visit <https://www.kearsleyschools.org/> to check out more ideas for at home learning.

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During the state mandated shutdown of all schools, Kearsley Community Schools is still here for our students and families to help in any way that we can. Here is information that may be of help:

### Kearsley Grab and Go Meal

Pickup Mondays and Thursdays

Each packet will contain food for three breakfasts and three lunches.

<b>Kearsley High School</b>	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Front door
<b>Fiedler Elementary</b>	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	At the parent loop
<b>Gunther Mobile Home Park</b>	11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	In the parking lot
<b>Pineview Estates</b>	Noon to 1 p.m.	At the clubhouse



### Options for Internet Access

**Everyoneon.org** – <https://www.everyoneon.org> National nonprofit that creates social and economic opportunities by connecting everyone to the internet. Everyone works closely with schools, public housing communities, and other diverse organizations.

**Comcast** – <https://wifi.xfinity.com/> Comcast has increased the speeds of its Internet Essentials home internet service from 15/2 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps. Households who enroll now will be eligible for 60 days of complimentary service. Also, Internet Essentials provides a \$9.95 per month, home internet service exclusively to low-income households. Comcast is also making its Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots free for anyone to use.

**Charter** – Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. Installation is waived for new student households. Call 1-844-488-8395.

**Access from AT&T** – <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#/> Installation fee is waived, cost is up to \$10 per month for 10 Mbps. No term commitment, no deposit. In-home Wi-Fi modem included.

**Frontier Fundamental Internet Service** - <https://frontier.com/fundamental-internet> \$19.99 per month (plus taxes) includes \$14.99 for service and \$5 router charge. Speeds range depending on type of service. No term commitment. No installation fee.

**Spectrum Internet Assist** -- \$14.99 per month (plus taxes), \$5 more for in-home Wi-Fi, 30 Mbps. No term commitment, modem included.

**T-mobile** – Participating schools can receive up to \$200 per student to put toward mobile internet devices, including hotspots, laptops, and tablets, 24-month service agreement required. Sign a two-year contract on a qualifying unlimited plan for \$20 per month. More details: 877-634-0256

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