March 13, 2020

Dear AppleTree Families;

This morning, Mayor Bowser announced the closure of schools in the District of Columbia to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. AppleTree will be closing and following the guidance of the Mayor. All AppleTree campuses will be closed to students starting Monday, March 16th through Tuesday, March 31st. During this time, we are committed to staying in close communication with all AppleTree staff and families about potential changes to the schedule and our plans for reopening.

**Updated Schedule Between March 16 and March 31:**

- **Monday, March 16** - No school for students. All staff should report to plan and prep for remote learning.
- **Tuesday, March 17 to Monday, March 23** - Spring Break for students and teachers. There will no longer be a Spring Break period in April.
- **Tuesday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 31** - Students will participate in remote learning.
- **Wednesday, April 1** - School will resume operations.

**Learning at Home - What Parents Can Expect**

- Today all students will receive materials to support learning at home. Parents may also come by your child’s school on Monday, March 16th from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to pick up materials.
- Packets will include information about online learning platforms parents can access, worksheets and a list of recommended activities students can complete with their families at home.
During the week of Tuesday, March 24 to Tuesday, 31, families can expect to hear from their child’s teacher. The teacher will ask to speak with the student to engage in a 5-10-minute Learning Check-in.

A sincere thank you for your patience, flexibility, and cooperation during this dynamic time. While the safety of our entire school community is the priority and driving force behind our decisions, we understand the impact it will have on our entire school community.

We will send regular updates to our school community via email and telephone. If you have not done so, please contact your child’s school to make sure we have the most recent contact information. We will also post updates on our school website. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jamie B. Miles
Chief of Schools