



UNIVERSAL FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Universal Alcorn • Universal Audenried • Universal Bluford
Universal Creighton • Universal Daroff • Universal Institute • Universal Vare

Date: March 31, 2020

Dear Universal Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and safe. This has been an incredibly challenging few weeks for schools and the country due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Yesterday, Governor Wolf announced that all schools will remain closed until further notice as they work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of all Pennsylvanians.

Again, we want to acknowledge that the disruption and uncertainty associated with the current situation is unsettling for everyone. We feel deep empathy and sadness for everyone around the world who has been affected, and those who will be. As we navigate through this unprecedented crisis, we are committed to serving our families and communities.

Below are academic updates and resources for Universal Families:

Universal Remote Learning Instructional Plans

All Universal Students will continue the educational packets through April 9, 2020. Additional assignments are posted on Universal Schools website (www.universalfamilyofschools.org).

Universal Continuity of Education

Continuity of Education is the overall term for any educational practices that occur in the event of a prolonged school closure. It is important that students have the opportunity to maintain and develop skills while away from the customary school environment. Universal will offer Planned Instruction, Enrichment and Review for the duration of the school closures.

- **Planned Instruction:** Planned Instruction is formal teaching and learning similar to that which occurs in a classroom setting. Within this process, teachers use planned courses of instruction with new concepts and skills that are aligned to grade level standards. Teachers assess the learning of their students and make adjustments to instruction based upon student progress. In order to receive a grade and credit, students must attend regularly and complete the course requirements.
- **Enrichment and Review:** Enrichment and Review consists of informal activities to reinforce or extend students' prior learning.

Universal Family of Schools will be providing live instruction (Virtual UC) to all scholars via Zoom and Google Classroom beginning April 13, 2020. The goal is to provide a continuity of

instruction to mirror learning that happens in the classroom. Open office hours will also be provided by teachers, counselors and administrators.

Breakfast/Lunch Plan

Universal will offer breakfast and lunch from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Mondays and Thursdays at the following sites: Audenried, Bluford, Creighton, Daroff, and Vare. Universal Alcorn scholars' meals will be served at Audenried. Universal Institute scholars can visit any Universal school site for breakfast and lunch. Additional sites are available on the Universal website.

Communication Plan

Universal Schools have established an emergency hotline number (484-479-7886) and email address (ufos@universalcompanies.org) to answer any questions and concerns. For the latest information on this evolving situation, please visit www.cdc.gov. We will continue to keep you informed as plans progress.

Please take care of yourself, take care of your loved ones and know that we'll get through this together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nixon
Superintendent of Universal Family of Schools