Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon, Governor Beshear & Commissioner of Education Brown recommended all public schools close for 2 weeks beginning Monday March 16, 2020 in response to the pending Covid 19 Global Pandemic.

Hancock County Public Schools will be following the suggested guidance of our Governor and Commissioner of Education. Therefore, on Monday, March 16, 2020, HCPS will postpone all classes, spring sports activities, and any school related events until Monday, April 6, 2020. These instructional days will be made-up using Non-Traditional Instructional (NTI) methods.

Hancock County Schools will be open Friday, March 13th. It is critically important that students attend tomorrow to receive NTI instructional information from their teachers.

The Governor’s recommendation was made in an effort to ensure and preserve Public Health of our citizens, by limiting/reducing the spread of Covid 19. At this time, there are still no confirmed cases of Covid 19 in our region and it is safe to attend school. Again, this response is a preventative measure. The following news link provides useful information that was considered prior to this recommendation by our state officials. [https://www.newsweek.com/flatten-curve-graph-coronavirus-deaths-1491877](https://www.newsweek.com/flatten-curve-graph-coronavirus-deaths-1491877) You may also access the website [ky covid19.ky.gov](http://ky covid19.ky.gov) for important COVID19 information and updates. There is also a COVID19 hotline that you may call for health related concerns and questions, 1-800-722-5725

Hancock County Schools will resume our normal operations on Monday, April 6, 2020 after our regularly scheduled Spring Break. If this plan were to change, additional information will be shared using multiple delivery methods at a future date.

Sincerely,

Kyle Estes,
Superintendent,
Hancock County Schools
Parents and Guardians:

If you would like for your child to participate in our **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH** service during our school closure the next TWO weeks (March 16-27.)

Please complete this form so we can prepare the appropriate amount of meals. Meals will be delivered to the address you provide, within normal Hancock County Bus Routes. Delivery times will be communicated through school websites, social media, newsletters, etc. Please be watching for this announcement.

Link to Online Form
https://forms.gle/BkeUsBZJLLT9Gz7hx6

A right you can see the format of the form, please complete online.
If you have any questions or concerns please call the Board Office 270-927-6914.
What's happening?

March 13: End of 3rd 9 Weeks
March 16: School is dismissed to prevent the spread of COVID-19
March 30-April 3: Spring Break
April 6: School resumes classes
April 8: Spring Pictures
April 13-24: MAPP testing
May 3: Spring band concert 2:00 HCHS Gym
May 3: Spring Choir concert 3:30 HCMS gym
May 21: 8th grade graduation 6:00 pm
May 26: Last Day of School for students
June 2-5: 4H Camp

Please remember that all excuses (doctor, funeral, court, etc.) need to be turned in as soon as possible to Mrs. McCaslin in the office when your student has missed school.

News from the Nurse:
All medications need to be brought in by the parent/guardian to the nurse because there are papers to sign with them. Also it all must be in original packaging.

BUY A YEARBOOK!
Cost is $30.00!

Students have NTI work to do while off for this extended period of time. THEY WILL RECEIVE A GRADE ON THIS WORK! Please make sure your student is working on this daily.

The Youth Service Center will remain open during the closure but at a modified schedule. To contact Mrs. Kessans please email at laura.kessans@hancock.kyschools.us or call at 270-927-6712. If Mrs. Kessans is not available when you call, please leave a message and she will get back to you.

Just a reminder if you want breakfast and lunch delivered to your student during the next two weeks, please complete the google form @ https://forms.gle/BkeUsBZJLLTGz7hx6

NO AIRPODS
Students, please do not bring Air pods to school. These are not allowed in class or/and in the gym.

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Bill Fanin with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife came to speak to the 6th grade about animals and their habitats in Kentucky.

8th graders: Be sure to send your baby pictures to Mrs. Feldpausch by April 6th. Email Theresa.feldpausch@hancock.kyschools.us with further information on this.

Pet pictures are due by April 6th for the yearbook. You must be in the picture with your pet.
GIVEAWAY!

Enter for your chance to win a
Enter for just $10

All proceeds go to Hancock County Project Graduation

➢ To buy a giveaway ticket talk to or contact
  Mrs. Kessans or Mrs. Hagedorn
  Laura.kessans@hancock.kyschools.us
  Laura.hagedorn@hancock.kyschools.us
8 Steps To Washing Your Hands The Right Way

1. Turn on the tap.
2. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold).
3. Turn off the tap.
4. Apply soap & lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap.
5. Make sure you lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
6. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
7. Rise off soap.
8. Dry your hands with a clean towel or paper towel.