

UCEC Updates

2019-2020 School Year

Monday – March 30, 2020 – Principal's Message

Monday, March 30th, begins our first day of remote learning for high school courses at UCEC due to COVID-19 school closures. I encourage students to check school emails so that you hear from your teachers about the specifics of your online course structure. Please see the general schedule below so that you have an understanding of the general learning schedule students will follow for their coursework. Please know that this is for high school courses only. I also encourage students to check school emails and teacher course pages routinely to access the materials and activities teachers have worked tirelessly to develop, create, and prepare for these remote learning opportunities.

Because remote learning in this broad-scale approach is new to education as a whole, and because we are working on access and connectivity for students as a whole as well, we are beginning slowly with remote learning. We are preparing approximately ninety minutes of instructional materials/activity per course per week. We are presenting this in two 45-minute instructional sets as scheduled for each block (again that schedule is posted below). That equates, of course, to roughly six hours of activity per week. I realize many students and even our teachers are hungry for more, but we are still accounting for children and we want to ease slowly into the novelty of remote learning.

During this transition phase to remote learning, assignments are not required or “graded” in the traditional sense. Teachers will provide instructional feedback, but *grades* (A, B, C, D, and F or numerical) are *not* a part of our remote learning experience at this time. Teachers are already engaging our students quite effectively, but we want no child left behind during any instructional opportunity, and especially during such a stressful time as we are in currently.

As time continues, and we learn more about what the school calendar impact will be long-term, the state and local school officials will direct us on further measures of support we will be able to provide our students. We will continue to update you in those areas as well.

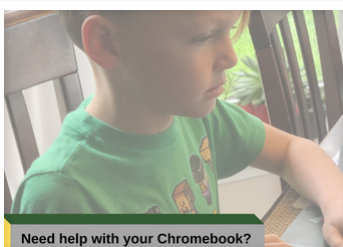
(NOTE: Please know that if a student has one or more college course(s), those are well underway since SPCC resumed classes on March 18, 2020.)

If you have a need, please email any staff member. We stand ready to help you with any concern. There are many resources we can provide for you during this time. We have included many links in this update for you to reference as well. Stay safe and healthy.

FREE DAILY MEALS DURING CLOSURE

Beginning Tuesday, March 17 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
601 E. Sunset Drive
Monroe, NC 28112
- Rocky River Elementary
5029 Rocky River Road
Monroe, NC 28110
- Sardis Elementary
4416 Sardis Church Road
Monroe, NC 28110
- Wingate Elementary
301 Rivers Street
Wingate, NC 28174

Need help with your Chromebook?

High School Remote Learning Model

Monday	Tuesday
First Block	Third Block
Second Block	Fourth Block
Professional Development/ Support for School Staff	Professional Development/ Support for School Staff

UCPS Provides Meals

Four locations available in UCPS to receive meal 11:00-1:00 daily for ALL UCPS students (not location specific).
 Monroe Middle School
 Rocky River Elementary School
 Sardis Elementary School
 Wingate Elementary School

Technology Help Needed?


<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eU2aP3onfF6l0-UdTcUao-mIxoRg4Q83/view?usp=sharing>

Phone number 704/292-7951

Our Weekly Schedule Starting March 30

Link here for full week schedule

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FdIBSwsekaVsKB06dp38vu0Wm_pNbxh2/view?usp=sharing



A caterpillar must endure a season of isolation before it turns into a butterfly. Embrace the time you have alone, it will only make you stronger.

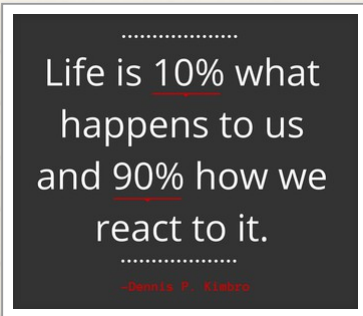
UCEC has worked on many ways to stay in touch with students and families. This newsletter is just one more way to stay in touch with you during this time away from school and throughout the circumstances that require remote learning plans for our school. We will publish routinely via webpage, social media, etc. Please be looking for updates as we continue in the school closure season.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE – CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE UCPS COVID-19 INFORMATION WEBPAGE

Perspectives

Did you know that Mrs. McFadden is an author? Well, our current at-home time has inspired her to adapt a favorite Dr. Seuss book! Mrs. McFadden's new title is *Oh, the Places You Will Eventually Go...But Not Today!* Check it out - She is reading it for the first time on this video linked below for all of us to enjoy. And as in her message, remember that this is temporary and we will get through this together! Enjoy the book!

https://youtu.be/ut_eJBS_3H0



UCEC Contact Information

 Facebook  @UCEarlyCollege

Our webpage and social media accounts are the best source for the most updated information during this time. Our emails are the best way to reach out to us. Facebook and Twitter links above...Look for us on Instagram too - UCEC_MonroeNC

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RESOURCE PAGES

UCPS Instructional Resources for Students and Parents

Remote Learning Guidelines - Spring 2020 - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7367>

General EmpowerED Portal Page - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/2917>

Parent Resources Page - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6519>

Student Resources Page - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6333>