

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

What a week it has been! After many discussions with our teachers and board and feedback from many parents, I wanted to respond to this ever-changing situation. It is difficult to record and prepare a video from my home, so I have asked Mrs. Williams to share my thoughts through the video message.

Please take a few moments to watch and listen.

These decisions were not made lightly, but to preserve the health and well-being of our children and families. I think everyone could use a well-deserved break before we get back to the work of learning. Please note the following updates:

**Next Steps:**

- Friday 3/20 afternoon drop off has been cancelled.
- Spring Break will begin Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and extend through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Office Hours will continue Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Learning during Break: You *may continue* working through materials provided by your child's teachers. These will count toward requirements following Spring Break.
- By the end of spring break, we will share our plans for the following weeks in the event the closure is continued. In the meantime, our teachers will take steps to further train and collaborate on methods and best practices to create a distance learning experience for children that is meaningful, but not overwhelming to students or families.

**Your Well-Being**

Because the health of our children is paramount, I'm providing some links to assist you as you move through this time with your family.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/coping.html>

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/family-resources-education/700childrens/2020/03/covid-19>

[https://nesca-newton.com/making-the-most-of-covid-19-school-closures/?fbclid=IwAR2hltOGyagmZ2xl-rx46OFuhaLk1zf4nmp4jfy3pUXH0je\\_WcGznGWxmPE](https://nesca-newton.com/making-the-most-of-covid-19-school-closures/?fbclid=IwAR2hltOGyagmZ2xl-rx46OFuhaLk1zf4nmp4jfy3pUXH0je_WcGznGWxmPE)

As we take a break from academics, we encourage you to find ways to help your children process through these events and provide opportunities for them to connect with classmates using tools such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, or FaceTime.

Thank you so much for being part of the Clintonville Academy Community. Please be well and take care of one another,

Sally Lindsay