

March 20, 2020

Dear Arickaree Parents,

As many of you are aware, Governor Polis issued an executive order suspending all in-person learning in schools across the state from March 23 to April 17. In light of this action, the staff and I will meet Monday to develop a detailed plan of how we will deliver not only educational materials, but instruction through distance opportunities. Instruction is not the only factor we will be covering on Monday. We would like to offer school breakfast and lunch to families who would like to take advantage of that. The same billing currently used for Free, Reduced, or Purchased lunches would continue to be the same. For example, if your child currently qualifies for free breakfast and lunch, they would continue to receive meals free while we are away from school. **Please send me an email, [tonyar@arickaree.org](mailto:tonyar@arickaree.org), if you think you would like to continue to receive school breakfasts and lunches.** Part of our planning will be how we get these meals distributed in the most convenient way for you. The superintendent across Colorado have a call scheduled with Governor Polis and the Commissioner of Education, Katy Anthes this afternoon. After that, we are all hoping to have a better idea of how long we will be using this distance learning model. I will be in touch with you as more information comes in. In the meantime, please know that we are deep cleaning the school, making plans to educate all of our Pk-12 students, and provide meals if needed.

For families who do not have internet access Spectrum is offering free internet while the schools are shutdown. In all honesty the wait period is over an hour to speak with a representative, so plan accordingly. The number is 1-844-488-8398. Another option is if your home is currently wired for internet through Plains they will reactivate internet services for free through the end of the school year.

I will be hosting a Facebook Live feed on the Arickaree R-2 Facebook page Monday, March 23 beginning at 5:00 pm in order to announce the plan and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Tonya Rodwell  
Superintendent Arickaree School