

March 16, 2020

Dear Arborland Families,

In breaking news this morning, the CDC has recommended that organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the U.S. As a result, Arborland will be completely closing from March 17, 2020 – March 27, 2020. While there have been no confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses within either of our schools nor in our community, we want to ensure that we are acting with prudence and diligence according to the CDC. Arborland is expected to resume school as usual on March 30, 2020. Standardized Testing for elementary students will be postponed until further notice.

Spring Break, March 23, 2020 – March 27, 2020

Arborland will no longer be opening for Spring Break between March 23, 2020 – March 27, 2020.

Suggestions for Home Activities

We hope that two positive outcomes will happen as a result of this coronavirus outbreak: We get to spend more quality time with family and establish excellent hygiene habits. Here are some home activities suggestions for your reference:

- Reading, reading, reading!
- Science experiments
- Spring cleaning
- Gardening
- Cleaning old toys and donate them
- Organizing the household
- Playing in the yard
- Baking/cooking
- Playing family games and board games
- Playing catch or other coordination developing games with balls
- Watching a movie marathon at home
- Going for a run, hike or bike ride
- Camping in your backyard
- Repainting your house

Here are also a few websites for your reference:

- <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html?caching> (Provides free resources by grade level with the username “Learning20” and password “Clifford”)
- <http://amazingeducationalresources.com/>
- <https://mysteryscience.com/>

- <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

Please be reminded that while there are many online resources, there are also many unreliable resources. Please be alert to what your child is watching/communicating with online.

The facts and circumstances regarding the Novel Coronavirus are continually changing daily, if not hourly. I understand this may cause interruptions for many families. We will continue to monitor the situation and will inform you ahead of March 30th regarding our status.

On behalf of Arborland Montessori Children's Academy and staff, I want to thank our community for your support and understanding as we work through this time together. If we practice patience and understand that adapting quickly is critical, we will be able to continue to serve and support our students and families in the long run.

With sincerity,  
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Principal