PARK AND TERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOLS SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT HOME LEARNING SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MONDAY MARCH 30th

To All Middle School Families:

On Monday, March 30th, we will be moving to a more structured schedule. We will follow a modified "Single Session Day Bell Schedule," along with the 6-Day Cycle. This schedule will allow teachers to have more instructional options within a familiar routine. A move back to a more regular schedule will also provide continuity during this tumultuous time and further offer students rich and robust learning experiences.

The components of this approach include:

- As previously communicated, access to the internet and a computer is necessary.
- Teachers and students will follow their regular schedule with modified times. <u>Click here for the</u> modified schedule.
 - We will resume the <u>6-Day Cycle</u> based on the day originally planned for Monday, March 30th, a DAY 3.
 - While it would be advantageous for students to be logged in for an assigned class at the designated time, <u>it is not a requirement</u>. The student learning experiences will be posted on Google Classroom and students can complete them at a time of their choosing and within the timeline articulated by the teacher.
 - Although each period is shorter than a typical day, we expect students to continue working on certain assignments as developed by their teachers throughout the day as needed.
 - Here are important changes to student schedules:
 - Writing Workshop will return to a stand-alone class, separate from Language Arts.
 - Math Explorations will run as a support and enrichment program. <u>Click here for a letter</u> with more information about how this program will run.
 - Students will not attend S.T.A.R classes.
- Teachers will continue to post learning experiences (assignments, projects, readings, videos, etc.) for each class on Google Classroom.
- These learning experiences will include assessments, which will be posted to PowerSchool.
- During the afternoon (12:30pm to 2:55pm) teachers will hold 60 minutes of "office hours" in order to answer student questions and provide additional support. This time period will be another opportunity for students and teachers to interact on-line.
- Families, call the attendance line if your student is ill and unable to complete work for that day.
- 5th grade students will transition to their third and final World Language on April 13th.
- We have extended Marking Period #3 to April 17th.

Your partnership continues to be essential as we work together to provide consistency, structure, and the best possible educational experience for your children during this unprecedented time. Please reach out to your building principal with questions or concerns.

Best,

Dr. Dumaresq, Dr. Holloway, Ms. Morano & Mr. Gerace