

# March

## Flat Rock “Eagles” ~ Week at a Glance Virtual Learning Edition

**Monday, March 30, 2020 – Friday April 3, 2020**

**SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSED – VIRTUAL LEARNING CONTINUED**



Dear Flat Rock Families,




I hope this letter finds you well, considering the uncertain events surrounding us in our country, state, and local areas. We have reached the end of our second week in this journey of virtual learning, and I have seen very positive and active learning within the online platforms every day. Our instructional staff continue to design and monitor engaging lessons while our students are logging in regularly. We appreciate you, our parents, who have taken on the role of “home school teacher”, when this was not the job you signed up to do. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Effective Monday, March 30, we will utilize a different instructional and academic support framework going forward for our students and teachers. As we’ve listened and received feedback from parents and teachers, we found it necessary to make some changes and communicate more clearly what is expected. Please know that we are here for you in any capacity to support you throughout this time. We want students to stay plugged in to learning, but we realize that there must be balance for everyone in order to maintain the pace that we may be on for a while. Please see below for the **Middle School Student Expectations of Virtual Learning Days**. I am pleased to share that over 85% of our students are having regular school participation virtually. This allows students to remain on track and continue to learn. This also helps to bring a sense of ‘normalcy’ during a time when there isn’t much that is normal about the day for our students. As teachers and staff continue to connect, keep in mind that we are in our 4<sup>th</sup> nine-week period, as of March 16, so students are in a different Connections class than before we left.

The week of April 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> is our normally scheduled Spring Break and Fayette County schools will be closed virtually during that time. We want our students and staff to have a break from the world of school and learning. There will be no instruction or business taking place. We will, however be back up and running via our virtual platforms on Monday, April 13, 2020.

As additional layers of protection are considered, our system is very aware of the volatility of the current situation and because we want to do our part in protecting our children and our greater community, we have closed off all facilities to the public. This means that our fields, tracks, and parking lots are no longer open for the community to use during this time, per the directive of our local jurisdiction.

Our staff and community are working incredibly hard to ensure the safety of our students and to keep them engaged educationally. We are all in this together. Stay plugged in to what’s happening behind the scenes around Flat Rock

Middle School during this time by following our social media platforms:    @frmseagles

I thank you for your diligence and patience as we continue to work collaboratively to make the best decisions we can, in areas where decisions have never been made before.

Stay Safe,

*Jade Bolton*

## Middle School Student Expectations for Virtual Learning Days

1. Students should expect to have up to 120 minutes of work/activities/assessments each week per class. Assignments for that class day will be posted on Blackboard prior to 8am. Students should plan to check their FCBOE email and log into Blackboard daily. Formative assessments and grades will continue to be assigned and given. Teachers will be available to answer questions during office hours from 1:00 to 4:00 pm every non-instructional day. This may be via email or live on the teacher-platform that they use..
2. Teachers will have active instruction using Blackboard Collaborate or Zoom according to the following schedule:
  - a. Monday- English Language Arts
  - b. Tuesday- Math
  - c. Wednesday- World Language/CTE/Fine Arts/PE-Health (Connections)
  - d. Thursday- Science
  - e. Friday- Social Studies(Sessions will be recorded and posted on Blackboard if a student is unable to participate live)
3. Teachers will use Blackboard Collaborate or Zoom for virtual instruction sessions with students: There is a designated day for each subject for assessments and active classroom participation.
4. Students should complete assignments 24 hours before the next scheduled class for that subject.

### (TEACHER NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS)

8:00am-11:00am Grading, emails, collaborative planning, virtual meetings

11:-00am-1:00pm Lunch, professional learning & teacher planning

1:00pm-4:00pm Student /Parent emails about activities, questions, etc.

### (TEACHER CONTENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAY)

8:00am-11:00am Virtual Instruction via online engagement, assessments, support

11:00am-1:00pm Lunch, professional learning & teacher planning

1:00pm-4:00pm Virtual Instruction via online engagement, assessments, support



Click on the link for tips provided by the CDC on how to speak to your children about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), cleaning/disinfection recommendations and more.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/children.html>

## Leadership Word of the month for March

### ~Self-Discipline~

*Having a strong sense of self-control in order to reach a desired goal or to rise to your commitments or principles.*

**Leadership Trait of the Week**

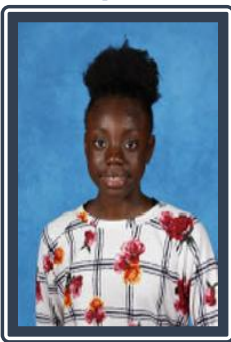
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**“Optimistic”**

**Daphkar Clark**

**“Student of the Week”**

**Optimistic - hopeful about the future or the success of something in particular.**



Daphkar is a bright light at Flat Rock. She is hardworking and truly optimistic. Daphkar always finds the silver lining in even the most challenging tasks. She is not only personally optimistic, but she also uses her cheery disposition to encourage her peers and teachers. As we have transitioned to virtual learning Daphkar continues to bring her positivity and engagement into our virtual classrooms. When times are tough, attitude is important, and she has a lot to teach us all as we work towards a bright future and return to school. Congratulations Daphkar!

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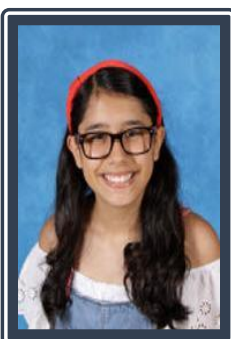
**March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**“Conscientious”**

**Celia Peña**

**“Student of the Week”**

**Conscientious - the quality of showing care and precision in order to do what is right.**



Celia is an incredible student and a truly positive representation of conscientiousness! She is hard-working, careful, and diligent in her studies. She goes above and beyond to master her content, and she diligently seeks out assistance if needed. She never quits and encourages her peers to always give their best effort! She has consistently had an "A" average all school year long in all her classes, and still requests extra enrichment! In addition, Celia cares about her peers and works hard to ensure that everyone is doing well emotionally, socially and academically. She truly is an asset to our team, and we are grateful to have such a conscientious student!

## LET'S GET MOVING EAGLES!

Coach Tyler has challenged EAGLE NATION to get up and keep fit! She's asked that we all commit to at least 5 minutes of exercise a day. We are all getting a little bit of cabin fever so take a few minutes to move around and decompress, let the kids out to release some energy. If staying indoors is your preference you can find several workout videos and keep track with the spreadsheet she's provided on our school website [HERE](#). The workout videos are right around 5 to 10 minutes long. Remember working out is a small portion (20%) of your fitness goal the other (80%) is eating and drinking right. Stay hydrated! Please encourage your students and family members to join in on the FRMS Challenge and send pictures in. We have no doubt Eagle Nation will RISE to the occasion. Be safe and keep healthy.



**A huge thank you to the nutrition team for keeping our students fed. They prepared and packed over 1000 meals and handed out breakfast and lunch over at Kenwood Mobile Park Homes!**

Meal service sites will continue to distribute breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to children up to age 18 and children with disabilities up to age 21. The number of meals provided will be based on the number of children in the vehicle. On Friday, April 3, children will receive enough meals to last the entire week of spring break. The following locations are serving meals: Spring Hill Elementary – 100 Bradford Square, Fayetteville, GA 30215, North Fayette Elementary – 609 Kenwood Road, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Fayette County High – 1 Tiger Trail, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Marnell – 1512 GA 54 W, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Four Seasons – 100 Apollo Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Kenwood Landing – 225 Club Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30214, Peachtree City First Baptist Church – 208 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

### Chromebook support

In order to provide our students and staff with the tools they need to access their learning resources, the Technology Services Department will provide a Chromebook drop off and spare replacement program during our school closures.

Parents can drop off student Chromebooks at the Technology Services (VoTech) building parking lot from 10 am - 2 pm, Monday through Friday. The drop off will be available until March 31, this may change as we learn more about closure timelines. If a Chromebook is found to need repair, a replacement Chromebook will be issued at the drop-off area. Damaged or missing chargers will not be replaced – this is the responsibility of the student/parent to be purchased (We will be able to provide that information, but we will not be providing chargers).

**Directions to the LEC: The Technology Services (VoTech) building is in the back of the LaFayette Education Center in front of the FCHS baseball field.**

**205 Lafayette Ave.  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
(Enter parking lot from Tiger Trail)**