

Dear Valued Tutors,

As of tomorrow, March 19, 2020, all public libraries will be closed to the public until further notice. As such, we will be closing our offices and working remotely in the coming weeks.

Without public meeting spaces and the safety of you and your student, we will be sending out ways to connect virtually. We've already heard some success stories using FaceTime, Zoom, and Google Chat!

We hope you will maintain contact with each other so that you can help us share important information with our students and they can continue learning. We know that many of our students may be uncertain or unaware of the ever evolving restrictions and recommendations and may have children home from school.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing information more frequently and ask that you help us pass it along to your student if you are able. Any contact you have with them counts on your monthly report.

If you need help canceling in-person sessions with your student, need help setting up virtual lessons, or need materials, please call us. You can continue to use our office number 772-778-2223 and leave a message. Our cell phone numbers are:

Jessica - 716-249-6766 Elida - 772-202-2087 Cindy - 716-249-6479

Our staff will be reaching out to you and our students from these numbers to check in and update our records. We look forward to connecting with you. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

Sincerely, Literacy Services Staff and Board of Directors

## **Library Services**

The library does still have some services available if you or your student need them. Please see below:

Library staff will remain on site at the Main County Library and the North



Hours for these drive-up/phone library services will be the following:

• Monday-Thursday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-5pmSaturday: 10am-2pmSunday: CLOSED

The phone number for the Main County Library is 772-770-5060. The phone number for the North County Library is 772-589-1355.

County Library to assist the public with the following services:

- Drive-up retrieval for holds placed by phone or internet
- Reference by phone or internet
- All online databases by phone or internet
- Help with e-services/devices by phone
- Printing requests made by phone
- Tax form pick up

#### **WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED**

Cindy will be sending out a more detailed email with tips, resources, and tutorials on how to use these methods for tutoring sessions. **Please stay tuned.** 

**Phone calls/FaceTime-** Speaking on the phone is a great way to not only stay connected but to also practice conversation.

**Emails/Text-** Resources can be sent via email and students can complete them and return them to you. Texting/Emailing can allow you to stay connected and can help with reading and writing.

Online conferencing (Skype,Zoom) - These are two video conferencing programs. They can be used on a mobile device or the computer. This method can allow you to see and speak to each other and so much more.

FlipGrid- An free online tool that allows you to create a virtual classroom with students.

#### **CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES**

(Click to download and print)

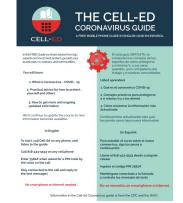
If you are in contact with your student please share with them this important information regarding virus prevention. If they have kids at home, please share the School District's Mobile Food Cafe.

We will continue sharing information and resources during this time. Our tutors are our best connection to our students and we would be grateful if you could pass the information along.

SDIRC Mobile Café information

https://www.indianriverschools.org/news/coronavirus information and updates/mobile cafes provide breakfast lunch

SDIRC COVID-19 information/ update webpage <a href="https://www.indianriverschools.org/news/coronavirus">https://www.indianriverschools.org/news/coronavirus</a> information and updates







# NOTABLE NEWS AND EVENTS



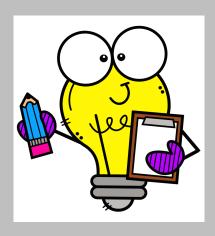
We are excited to share some GOOD NEWS! The John's Island Service League has awarded Literacy Services a grant of \$25,000 for our programs. They were impressed all the good work YOU and the students are doing and loved hearing from former student, Martha!

OUR MARCH NEW TUTOR TRAINING AND IN-SERVICE WORKSHOP HAVE BEEN CANCELED.

The Board of Directors will be working on our Strategic Plan this Spring. To prepare, we are gathering information from our tutors and students. We want your feedback!

Please take a moment to complete the Tutor Survey. We would love your help getting our student's feedback too! There will be English and Spanish Student Surveys available in each of our offices





**TUTOR SURVEY** 

or you can fill it out together using the link to the right.

STUDENT SURVEY

### Reports Are Due!

Monthly reports for the past month are due by the 15th of each month. The green form can be found below or on our website.

Reports can be sent via <u>email</u> or mailed to:

1600 21st Street Vero Beach, FL 32960

Monthly Reports

