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Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear Ark Staff and Parents,

As most of you have learned late yesterday afternoon, Governor Hogan and Dr. Salmon, State Superintendent announced that all Montgomery County Public Schools will close beginning Monday, March 16 and will remain closed through Friday, March 27.  The Ark Children's Center will follow this recommendation and emergency closure. Health officials have determined that school closures are a necessary and effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Please continue to take preventive actions to practice healthy practices by washing hands regularly, covering sneezes and coughs, avoid large gatherings and contact with people who are sick. Please stay tuned to fact-based information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the MCPS website, and local Health and Human Resources.

We will remain open today but will ask all staff, students, parents and caregivers to wash hands before entering the preschool areas. If you wish to keep your child at home, it is understandable. Please call the office to notify us of all student absences. We care about your safety during this health emergency and are taking extra safety precautions in the days preceding school closures.

Please keep our health professionals, local government officials and all those who are currently receiving treatment for communicable diseases and the Coronavirus in your prayers. Stay healthy, seek credible information in the days ahead. Stay strong and hopeful during this quickly changing health crisis.

Blessings,

Susan Borst and The ARK Staff

Please note: This information has been posted to all class Shutterfly sites. Please check class sites each FRIDAY for updates. We will follow MCPS closures during this health emergency.