



# Azalea Gardens Middle School

## Message from the Principal

*Blast into Reading and Writing!*



**April 6, 2020**

### **Azalea Gardens Middle School Instructional Focus**

The instructional focus of Azalea Gardens Middle School is for all students to show measurable growth in *reading, writing, and learning for excellence* through the implementation of a school wide focus on *reading and writing across the content areas* as measured by SOL scores, a common writing rubric, and STAR reading.

### **Message from the Principal:**

Good evening AGMS Parents, Students, and Families, this is your principal, Dr. Kirk, calling with some information for the week of April 6, 2020.

First students, please know all of AGMS misses you and wishes you all the best for your health and safety during this time. Follow all of the Covid guidelines. There is cause for caution, but we do not have to be afraid. We just have to be careful.

Yes, there is school work to do! Students basically have two choices. Choice A is to work electronically through email and Google classroom with your teachers directly. Work on the websites they have been giving you, and keep turning stuff in according to each teacher. Choice B is to complete the packets created by the district. Either will work for your learning and your grade. You will see grades entered into Synergy, but please know that anything you can't do because of technology, or you can't get to it, won't count against you.

If you are completing the packets, you can download them from the NPS website or pick up a packet from school. Since we are a distribution site, you don't have to make an appointment, you can pick up a hard copy anytime between 11am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Once you complete a packet, hang on to it! Don't lose it! We are still working on when and how we are going to collect them. But, yes! All of this work will count.

Students and parents, also know you can keep working with your teachers on make up work from before the closure. You can still bring your grades up. Work with your teachers; we want every single student in their next grade next year and excelling to their best potential.

If you pick up your packet during one of the pickup times, you won't need an appointment, but if you need medicine or other essential items, you will need one. Appointment times are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm – email me to set that up. My email is on our school website and the first email on our staff directory.

Attention eighth graders, email you counselors to complete high school planning if you have not already done so. The email addresses are on the staff directory on the school website.

Also, our military family life counselor is available to military connected students. If you need resources, help with work, or just a listening ear, email your school counselor and she will let Ms. Stoakley know. Many of you know Ms. Stoakley already. [MFLC-astoakley@npsk12.net](mailto:MFLC-astoakley@npsk12.net)

We will be closed for spring break, so teachers and others won't call or email you back during the week of April 13, but food will still be served during that week, M-F 11 to 1. Speaking of teachers calling, please know that some "unknown" or "blocked" calls might be your teacher. Teachers have been using personal cell phones to call parents, but they are allowed to block their number. If it's not your teacher, you can always hang up again.

I hope this helps with most questions. You can also see the FAQs on the NPS website. If you have a specific question for teachers, the directory is on our school web page. Every one please stay safe, healthy, and remember as always ...

Go.....Rockets!