

Charlotte Sidway Elementary School

Teachers go extra mile in teaching online



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Faculty and staff at the Charlotte Sidway Elementary School on Baseline Road spent most of last week assembling and distributing packages of materials that is being taught online through the end of the school year to its student's parents.

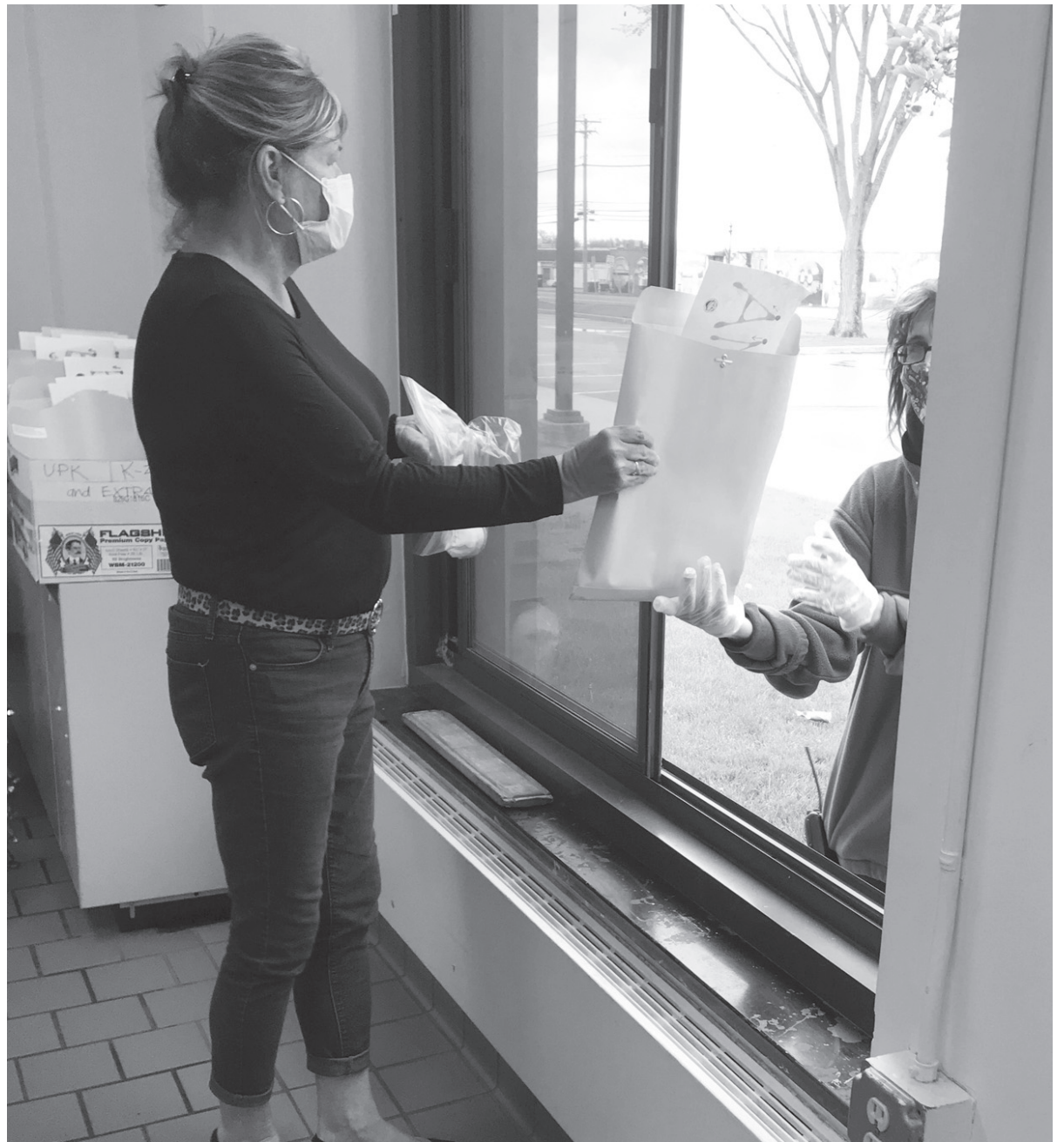
The hard copies are for parents of students who do not have technology in the home as well as those who would like to follow along with the videos students are watching.

These materials include books, reading lessons, writing workshop lessons, resources and writing booklets, math and science resources. Sidway has 443 stu-

dents in UPK, kindergarten and first grade.

"This has been a very challenging time for all teachers, but particularly teachers of the early grades to engage their students virtually," explained Sidway Principal Denise Dunbar. "It is also extremely difficult for parents to be the parent and the teacher for their child every day.

"The other challenge is that Sidway students do not have 1:1 devices. So teachers are relying on the technology in the home, which varies greatly. Some children are learning on desktops, some on iPads and even some on iPhones. It has become a huge challenge for parents, teachers and students to teach virtually," Dunbar added.



Teacher Linda Samland hands packet to parent through dining hall window. Above at left, teacher Cheryl O'Connor hands out packet to parent in front of school. A left, a Sidway teacher assembles packets for Sidway students. Below, a student has a message for his teachers.



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