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PPMS Parents & Guardians
Via Remind – remind.com/join/ppmsp

Re: Online Instruction & Instrument Pick-up

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you well and adjusting to the uncertainty we are all facing these days. Please know that all of us at PPMS are thinking about our Preston families every day. We stand ready to make connections with our students, to continue their instruction but also to provide some normalcy and predictability to their days. To that end, I am sharing the following information with you.

By this point, the instructional activities provided in the packet delivered last week have likely been completed. If your child hasn't already logged on to their school Google Classroom account, please have them do so. All PPMS teachers have posted instructional resources and will continue to do so for the duration of this closure. In addition, paraeducators are also available to provide instructional support, as needed. Going forward, you can expect that your child's teachers will be updating these pages regularly and monitoring them daily (I'll be providing a suggested daily schedule later this week). If your child does not have a device, please contact me via email. We are able to provide devices to students who do not have access.

Some of our students have instruments at PPMS and are missing valuable practice time! On Wednesday, 3/25, between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm, you can pick up your child's instrument from the food pick-up location at the front of the school. Instruments will be visible with staff members on hand to pass them into your vehicle. Unfortunately, many students have not included identification information in their instrument cases, so please be ready to identify which instrument case is your child's. At this time, we are not able to allow student access to the building for them to obtain items from their lockers.

All field trips planned for this spring are now cancelled; this includes the 7th and 8th grade class trips. A great deal of time and effort has gone into raising funds for these trips, and we greatly appreciate the efforts of those who coordinated the fundraisers and those who participated in them. The monies that were fundraised will be held for the benefit of each respective class. Individual payments made by parents as either deposits for their child or themselves as chaperones will be refunded at a later time.

We will soon be publishing a needs assessment survey for school supplies. Watch out for information about this survey in a future communication from Dr. Seitsinger.

I continue to be available to you via email. Please do not hesitate to contact me with concerns or questions. I will be communicating with our PPMS families regularly using this Remind delivery system. In spite of the strangeness and the anxiety that all of us feel, I hope you are able to find small spots of brightness each day. Stay connected with each other and with us – we're all in this together.

Sincerely,

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