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Update

Dear TTCS community, parents, staff and students:

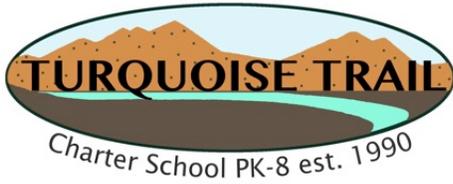
RE: 1. Next steps for TTCS students - distance learning. 2. Devices are available

As of today, Tuesday March 24th, teachers and assistants are continuing to make contact with all families and students at home via email and phone. It is very important that we have your HOME contact information and current home emails. If your TTCS student is in grades 4 - 5, does not have computer access and needs a device to assist in home instruction, please contact our front office at 505-986-4000. We will take reservations for Chromebooks that you can take home during this emergency event. Middle school students (grades 6 - 8) need to call or text 505-490-6406 and leave a request with the student's first and last name. Grades pk - 3 will be able to check out remaining devices *after* we distribute to grades 4 - 8. At this time we do not have enough Chromebooks and Ipads ready for every student in our school so we are limiting requests to ONE PER FAMILY for now. Our phones are being answered between 8:00am - 3:00pm daily.

Additionally, all of our portable devices (Chromebooks, Ipads) need a new configuration installed to allow the devices to connect to a WiFi other than TTCS. That preparation work is in process now. Once you've made a reservation, you will be contacted with a date and time to pick up a device. As we move through next week, we will have more devices available and will likely have some chromebooks and some Ipads for grades pk - 3. We hope that by the end of next week all families, in all grades will have a technology device; either a family-owned one or one loaned from our school.

If you call to reserve a device, we will let you know what day and when you can come to school and sign it out. We will begin the process outside and will space out the pickup times so that we do not have more than 5 people in one area at the same time. If you arrive at the school and see a group of people - please remain in your car until only a few people are waiting.

Our entire staff has had remote meetings today (Tuesday) and are beginning our efforts to provide "distance learning" for all of our students. This is a new experience in regular building-based public education, especially with very young children. These efforts are going to stretch our imagination when we consider what "school" means. I can tell you from today's staff meetings that our entire school staff reports how much they miss the children and the daily routines that we took for granted just 2 weeks ago!



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There is the potential that this “distance learning” will go on for longer than we initially thought. An announcement from the NM Public Education Department and the Governor on school closures is coming by the end of this week.

Meanwhile, while our administration is not at the building on a regular basis now, we are “working from home” and will respond quickly by email. If you have questions, our school phones are being answered and messages are being checked. We will call you back quickly M-F from 8:00 am - 3:00pm. If you have questions or concerns about any issue, please let us know. Contact Sharyn Gray in the Middle School at [sgray@ttschool.org](mailto:sgray@ttschool.org), or [ttms@ttschool.org](mailto:ttms@ttschool.org), 505-490-6406 or 505-986-4052. Christie Berg in the Elementary School may be reached at 505-986-4001 or 505-986-4000, [cberg@ttschool.org](mailto:cberg@ttschool.org) or [aromero@ttschool.org](mailto:aromero@ttschool.org). All TTCS teachers will be online and available by email M-F from 8:00am - 3:00pm.

This health crisis has suddenly changed our world and at TTCS we will do our best to help our families and students continue to be engaged in learning. We hope that many new and positive things come from our collective efforts to keep “school” going over the remaining weeks of this health crisis.

We welcome your ideas, questions and thoughts as we move very quickly into the new world of distance learning and what we are calling “keeping school going”.

Sincerely,

Ray Griffin  
TTCS Head Administrator