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Parent Letter #20

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Dear P.S./M.S. 71 Families,

It was a pleasure joining many classes virtually this past week as students were engaged in remote teaching and learning. Our passionate and dedicated teachers are committed to providing every child, in every classroom with an exceptional learning experience. They worked collaboratively as a grade level team and with their departments to create schedules that incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous instruction to ensure that lessons are aligned to the Priority Learning Standards and grade specific curriculum.

One of our goals is to empower all students to be leaders in their own learning and to encourage students to become independent thinkers, problem-solvers, and life-long learners. We ask parents to partner with us and promote a sense of independence at home during synchronous learning time for our blended and remote learning students. Here are some suggestions and ways to promote independent work habits:

- Be Prepared: Set up a work space in the home that is quiet and away from distractions. Have school supplies readily available and accessible.
- Students are encouraged to sit at a desk or table with a chair.
- Charge device daily and have supplies ready.
- Use schedules and checklists to stay focused and to keep track of Google Meet times.
- Encourage your child to get dressed like they would if they were back at school.
- When students are on their live Google Meet, it is important for them to have their cameras on. Teachers need to see your child's face in an effort to connect with students, get to know them, and to help build a positive teacher to student relationship. Please remind your child that they are expected to leave their cameras on throughout the lesson. When students turn their cameras off, it becomes difficult for teachers to truly know if your child is attending to the lesson.

We respectfully ask, that parents refrain from joining the live Google Meet sessions with their children and engaging in conversation with the classroom teacher during instructional time. This is not the appropriate time or place to address the teacher about your child's individual needs or progress. You may set up a virtual conference with your child's teacher during office hours to discuss any questions or any concerns you may have.

Our goal is to promote independence and empower your children to think critically, ask questions, and to show what they know without assistance and coaching from the parent. This will allow teachers to assess each individual child and provide them with the most appropriate instruction and support for their needs.

Please note that parents and students are not permitted to take screenshots, pictures, audio, or video recordings of teachers or fellow students during live Google Meets. This is a safety and privacy issue. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank you for being partners in your child's education and for all your support.

Sincerely,
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