

March 23, 2020

Dear Families,

On behalf of our staff, I want to say how much we appreciate you, our school community. We miss all our students and their families and hope that everyone is safe and healthy. While we miss you, we realize that distancing is necessary and is in the best interest of everyone at this time.

The past week has been challenging for everyone. Staff members worked tirelessly, to prepare to deliver instruction to our students remotely, beginning on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Our teachers worked together in grade teams in groups no larger than ten as was the recommended mandate. We reached out to all families through phone, email and apps such as Remind and Dojo. Teachers were able to connect all their students in Google Classrooms and begin to post assignments. They explored ways to give feedback and to respond to student work. This is a work in progress.

We distributed a number of devices to families, and a link to families to request devices from the DOE. Some families had devices and no internet, some had internet and no devices and others had neither. We hope you will be able to connect to Google Classroom in some way.

Our teachers will be available to interact with students between 8 AM and 2:20 PM. During this time, they will take time for a 45 minute prep, and a 50 minute lunch. We did not give our students a schedule because we do not know what devices are available to them and at what time. They may submit assignments any time during the day. Assignments submitted will be the criteria we use to determine attendance for that day.

For the first few days, our students and teachers will be learning as we go. There are many questions that remain unanswered and we anxiously await clarification. What we do know is for the time being, we will begin the unprecedented task of delivering instruction virtually.

We hope you will be patient with us and with your children as we work together to learn ways we can make this increasingly effective and meaningful.

Yours truly,

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