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Dear LCCPS Community,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying positive. We just had another virtual meeting on Zoom with our teachers, and I am so impressed with the way our teachers are providing lessons and reaching out to our students, it is remarkable and inspiring to see this happening! Here are some tips for parents that you may find useful as we navigate this online world of school that we are all living in together.

1. **Work and Grades** –The main focus of our work is to connect with kids and provide them with engaging activities to prevent an academic slide. It is important for kids to be able access the [Drive](#) and to reach out to their teacher if you can't access it. Kids should be making an effort to do their work and turn it in “virtually” to their teacher. At this time, we are not in the mode of grading work, but know that if school is closed beyond the April 6 date, a Pass/Fail grade system on assignments will likely be recommended statewide. While we do have paper packets available for the younger grades, we want everyone to do their best to access the online Drive as a first priority.
2. **Lunch** – This will continue every week day from 11am-12pm. The Governor's “Stay at Home” advisory does not apply to schools providing meals.
3. **Access** – We have asked parents to complete a survey about your needs for technology and internet access. We will be following up on this as we are hoping to have a limited number of Chromebooks available to lend out during this time. Many of our teachers have held lessons and sessions using Google Hangout and Zoom.
4. **Staying in touch** - “Like” or “Follow” LCCPS, don't “Friend” LCCPS on Facebook. Facebook is a great way to stay connected and see what is going on at school – to stay updated on all kinds of information. It's also important for parents to be getting all of our email and robocall communications during this time – send updated contact information to dmotew@lccps.org. And please visit us at www.lccps.org
5. **Contact your child's teacher**- if you have not been in touch either on the phone or over the internet with your child's teacher, do it today! Remember that if your phone rings, it may be the teacher trying to reach you!
6. **Follow internet etiquette** – remind your child to follow the same rules we have in school around using technology – and do your best to monitor your child's activity online. It's also important to keep your communications with teachers to a timeframe of 8am-3pm as much as possible, and know that sending messages on Dojo or Remind, or text should not occur in the middle of the night since they send an alert. Our teachers are really going above and beyond to be responsive, but we need to follow healthy steps for everyone's sake. Teachers will respond when they can.

This is a new reality for all of us, and I know we as a school will continue to work on how we can improve and make “virtual school” work as best as possible for everyone, teachers, students and families. Stay in touch.

Thank you,

Nick Leonardos
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