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Dear Community,

We are still here to help, even if the campus is closed for student and community activities until 4/1/20!

Food Service

We began our off-site food service program yesterday and we are finalizing participants. Eligibility standards for this program follow general food service assistance guidelines. With this program, we are making weekly deliveries of breakfast, lunch and snacks. If you have not been contacted by a school representative, or feel that you need to take advantage of this program, please reach out directly to “Chef Kassie” at kkeehn@pocanticohills.org.

Instructional Programs

I am so proud of our instructional staff and our teachers are well prepared to provide home based instruction. Student assignments and activities will start tomorrow, and our educators have established times when they will be able to respond to email questions, etc. I have every confidence in our ability to make this a positive educational experience. In addition, support from parents has been fantastic and we ask that you continue to monitor and encourage your students while they complete their required assignments. Technical support lines are set up in the event that students or parents need additional help: [POCO Technical Support Link](#).

Social Distancing Practices

Let's all do our part to help! This includes taking social distancing and protective procedures seriously. In general, avoid unnecessary travel, close personal interaction and social gatherings. I understand that daycare and “watching the kids” may be extremely difficult during this time period. Make a plan and work with friends/neighbors to ensure adequate supervision and separation from others. Please impress upon our children their responsibility as well.

Studies show that teenagers may be less susceptible to adverse reactions to this virus, but those same studies indicate they can easily spread it to others. I mention this information because my teenage children sometimes felt that they were invincible and didn't always use their best judgement. (Obviously, bad genetics.) Clearly, your children are wiser than mine, but I thought I'd mention that guidance from Mom and Dad can sometimes “enhance” their decision-making processes. 😊

Other

As stated, we are here to help in whatever manner we can. If you or anyone else needs assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at rcalkins@pocanticohills.org. We have the ability to provide immediate assistance but, if we cannot help, we can offer solutions through local and state agencies.

Thank you all,

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