

Good Afternoon Hazelwood Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! The weather was beautiful.

As we launch into April, we are saddened by the news that school will not resume in the *traditional model* this school year. We hope and trust that this decision will help keep everyone safe and allow us to return (hopefully) in the fall with renewed joy and enthusiasm for learning.

In the meantime, our staff is busy preparing learning experiences for your scholars that will support their growth and development throughout the closure period. This is no small task! We are partnering with the Renton School District leadership team along with our union partners to recreate what has been a century old traditional model and shifting our practice in creative and novel ways. To that end, we appreciate your support (and grace) as we navigate these uncharted waters. *We also need your feedback.* One thing that we've learned during our few weeks of closure is that every family has slightly different needs. Our goal will always be to find the best ways to serve our community and your feedback is essential for operationalizing our remote system moving forward.

Please take a moment to share your feedback using the survey below. The survey results will be shared with each grade level team as they make important decisions about how to support your scholar (and our collective community) moving forward.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev8FzN58VQ5wmR96k9M0Qau-8TPKbvRnEgHfDTT8Lld0YN8g/viewform?usp=sf_link

What's to come?

Beginning after spring break, our staff will begin to prepare a week's worth of lesson activities for math, literacy, and science/social studies. Please check our in-home learning page every Friday! Additionally, each teacher will generate a plan for connecting weekly with your scholar to ensure that he/she understands the learning activities and is making progress forward. I encourage you to collaborate with your scholar's teacher to determine the best balance of expectations. For our scholars with special needs, we will partner with you to best identify and serve during this difficult time. Please be on the look-out for communication from your scholar's case manager.

As we anticipate returning to school in the fall, we recognize concerns about skill gaps and readiness for the next grade level. At this time, I highly recommend utilizing iREADY as a learning tool at home (in addition to our learning activities). We will assign lessons and growth monitoring checks for scholars along with an end of year diagnostic that will be used to assist us with planning for the upcoming school year. We are working on a robust intervention plan for the fall and feel confident that we can close any gaps moving forward.

School Culture

Beginning the week of April 20th, we will resume grade level community meetings which is an important time for us to reconnect as a school community. Your scholars are very familiar with this model—ask them! During this time, we will celebrate the new members of Principal's Club, including the Academic Aces.

We also have other exciting *virtual* events in mind, including a trivia contest and mathletes! Please take some time to have your scholar complete the survey below! We depend heavily on our scholars' ideas for school programming, so we'd love their feedback as well! For our younger scholars, please ask the questions and complete the survey on their behalf. Again, the information will be shared with each grade level.

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Chromebooks

It's important to us that EVERY scholar has what he/she needs to be successful. If your scholar is in need of a chromebook (or computer/device) to complete the online learning, please use the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr3wudlv24IXBmw3gDDV8c7GMcMYmh01HOB6p3npfhLkHicw/viewform>

We are currently prioritizing devices for those scholars that do not have access to a computer at home.

Fifth Grade

Finally, to our fifth-grade scholars, information regarding 5th grade recognition is still *pending*. Please know that we plan to have a virtual promotion ceremony if we are unable to meet in-person and are hoping to plan a fun summer event (if social distancing restrictions and limitations on group gatherings are lifted). Stay tuned!

This Week's Events

Wednesday, April 15th

10:00-11:00- K-1 Family Connection Meeting

Opportunity for families to connect with the school administration- ask questions, gain support

<https://zoom.us/j/403481659>

12:30-1:30- 2-3 Family Connection Meeting

Opportunity for families to connect with the school administration- ask questions, gain support

<https://zoom.us/j/281551102>

3:30-4:30- 4-5 Family Connection Meeting

Opportunity for families to connect with the school administration- ask questions, gain support

Please note: This is a CHANGE in TIME

<https://zoom.us/j/447390535>

Thursday, April 16th

3:00-4:00- Parent Learning Series: Maintaining Motivation

Helping Your Scholar Stay Engaged!

<https://zoom.us/j/791506539>

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and we look forward to connecting soon!

In partnership,

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