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UPDATES TO DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

Dear UPCS Families,

We hope your family was able to have some down time during the two week spring break. We realize that this spring break wasn't what any of us was looking forward to, but we know that we are all making great sacrifices to keep our families, neighbors, and friends safe. As you are all aware, we will not be returning to our school physically this school year, but school is still open. We spent the week of March 30-April 3 launching our online learning program. Below are a few reminders and updates to the distance learning plan.

Preschool – Ms. Dara, Ms. Agnes, and Ms. Sandra are sending out activities for you to do at home with your child via Parent Square home/school communication emails and text messages. Preschool will also be launching some “live” sessions with teachers very soon!

Kinder – Eighth Grade:

- Teachers send out, each day, via Parent Square, OR you can find on our website under “Distance Learning” a slide show for each grade. The slide show will take your child through a variety of lessons, activities, and assignments to perform over that day.
- There are also supplemental lessons and activities for students to engage in from our school counselor, PE teacher, and others
- Teachers will provide daily “live” interactive sessions using Zoom. This will be a time for the students to connect with each other and with the teacher. Zoom logins will ONLY be sent through Parent Square and/or in the child's Google Classroom (2-8 grades). **Please be sure to take note of the Zoom login code and password (now required for further safety)**
- Teachers are available via email and Parent Square for questions.
- A distance learning day should not equal the amount of time a child would spend at school. Please reference the **Distance Learning recommendation** page included in this flyer for general amounts of time a student should spend on school work.
- This is still school and our expectation is that students will participate. We will be keeping track of participation and this will be weighted into student's final marks for the school year. **Please see the attached document for more information about grading.**

Technology Needs:

- If your family is having issues with internet you can call Spectrum/Charter cable. They are offering a free 60 day subscription, call 1-844-488-8395
- If you have trouble accessing internet please let us know ASAP, cevans@pleasantvalleysd.org
- If your family is having problems with a school issued device or you realize that you need a school device, please contact Miss Evans at cevans@pleasantvalleysd.org

We realize that each family is different and that these unique circumstances have created unique challenges. With this in mind, we know that not all students will be able to engage in the “live” sessions and/or other online opportunities. Teachers have provided enough material to keep children of all abilities challenged, but you should differentiate your child's experience based on your child's and your family's needs. Please make sure your teacher is aware of your family's situation, so we can best support you. We know that nothing can take the place of the high quality education your children would receive if they were able to come to school, but our goal is to provide some structure, some emotional connectedness, and opportunities to grow some new skills and practice those skills already learned. We also want you to give yourself a break. These are challenging times, and it is ok if your child can't participate in all the opportunities provided. We will all do our best to support learning, take a breath, and know that we are all in this together. We will all start back up, with real school, together knowing that we have some things that may need to be reviewed. UPCS is a strong community and we will be DOLPHIN STRONG!

Thank you for your continued support!

Stay safe, stay home,
Charmon E. Evans, Executive Director