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April 2, 2020

Mountain Vista PreK-8 School,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying for the positive things that happen each day while we stay home as much as possible. It is still difficult to truly believe that the school closures in Arizona will continue through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Please review the important information below regarding the continuation of teaching and learning, distribution of free meals for children, the collection and return of printed materials and assignments, the end of the school year, as well as health and safety precautions.

Teaching and Learning:

- Teaching and Learning will continue! In the midst of many changes and even uncertainties, it is encouraging to know that although it might look different, teaching and learning will continue.
- Special Education services will continue. Our Special Education teachers and teaching assistants will continue to support classroom teachers with a variety of ideas for accommodations and modifications through the end of the school year.
- Students will earn grades for the fourth academic quarter. These grades will be based on their participation, effort, and mastery of content provided by teachers online and/or through printed assignments. If a child does not have internet access, they will not be penalized. Our teachers are working with families to identify which students will be able to access teaching online and which students will need printed materials.
- Our school counselor, Reanna Iragoyen is available to meet with students online and by telephone during the school closure. If you would like Ms. Iragoyen to support your child during the school closures, she may be reached at riragoyen@osd2.org.
- If your child is in Grades 5-8 and has needs assistance with their school-issued Chromebook, we are here to help. From our District website at www.osd2.org, students may click on the “students” tab and complete the “I need help with my Chromebook” link. We created a simple form that will help us collect the necessary information to help you and your child.
- The last day of instruction for the 2019-2020 school year will be Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Food Service:

- To support Arizona’s efforts to stay at home, we will modify our current method of meal distribution to include the following:

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- Breakfast will continue to be distributed from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM in front of the school office. Families will have the option to also pick-up a lunch for their child at that time. This will allow families to stay home each afternoon and not need to return to the school to collect lunches. We will not distribute meals a second time each day from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- We will deliver free breakfast and lunch to children at each of our Mountain Vista PreK-8 School bus stops. Like meal distribution in front of the school office, we will provide children with the option of collecting both a breakfast and lunch at the same time. School buses will arrive at each bus stop approximately one hour later than the normal morning pick-up time. For example, if a child's normal morning bus pick-up time is 7:00 AM, the school bus delivering meals would arrive at 8:00 AM, give or take a few minutes as the distribution of meals will take a little longer than a normal pick-up for students.

Collection and Return of Printed Materials and Assignments:

- To support Arizona's efforts to stay at home, we will also modify our current method of printed material and assignment pick-up/return to include the following options:
 - Families may return printed assignments from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM each weekday morning during "Grab and Go" breakfast/lunch distribution. We will also collect any library books that students wish to return at that time.
 - We will open the school office from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Thursday afternoons for assignment pick-up/return. We will not continue to open the school office for assignment pick-up/return on Fridays.
 - We will distribute new assignments to students at bus stops on Thursday mornings during breakfast/lunch distribution. Students may also return any completed assignments to our bus drivers. We will see that the completed assignments are delivered to classroom teachers.
 - Families may request that their child's teacher(s) e-mail them new assignments to print at home. If you have a working printer at home and this is an option that interests you, please e-mail your child's teacher(s) and ask that materials be e-mailed to you. Likewise, you may mail any completed assignments to your child's teacher(s) to:
 - Mountain Vista PreK-8 School
 - c/o Teacher Name(s)
 - PO Box 1720
 - Oracle, AZ 85623

End of the School Year:

- We will collect textbooks, any library books, Chromebooks from students in Grades 5-8, musical instruments

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from Band and Orchestra students, any athletics uniforms from student athletes, and any other school-owned items from students in May. More information regarding the collection of school-owned items will be provided to students and families at the beginning of May.

- Likewise, we will reach out to families to pick-up their child's medication from our Health Office in May. If you would like to pick-up your child's medication before the end of the school year, please e-mail Lydia Smith at lsmith@osd2.org to arrange a pick-up time.
- Teachers will assign grades based on the assignments that students complete from home during the school closures. Report Cards and Honor Roll Certificates will be mailed home to students and families at the end of the school year.
- We hope that social gathering restrictions will allow us to provide an 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony for our 8th Grade students in either June or July. We will follow guidance from the Arizona Department of Health and the Arizona Department of Education as we make this decision. We will continue to communicate with families and our community regarding our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in the upcoming months.

Health and Safety Precautions:

- We strongly recommend that families and students maintain the recommended 6-foot separation between people when collecting meals at bus stops. We will require a 6-foot separation between people when in the school front office.
- Our school office and district office will continue to be closed for general business. Our school office will only be open on Thursday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM for assignment pick-up/return or by appointment to pick-up student medication.

I thank you for your kindness and support as we navigate this unprecedented time as individuals, families, and as a school community. I will continue to provide updates on our District website, school Facebook page, and mailings like this letter. I encourage each of to do our personal best to stay home as much as possible, stay healthy, and stay safe.

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