

Hi Folks,

We are off and running. I've often wondered what goes through the mind of someone at the start of the Boston Marathon. Excited, nervous, looking forward to the challenge, scared, hopeful...it all fits right now doesn't it? We have a long road ahead, but there is a finish line.

I've been impressed with our staff and with what's happened this week. We asked you to be creative, to be flexible, to communicate, and to document. Thank you. I've seen fun videos, home science experiments, teachers reading books on Facebook, Grab-n-Go breakfasts & lunches, teaching in teepees, and so-so-so much more! If there is one good thing that has come of COVID-19, we've found a few more educational arrows for our teaching quivers. It is changing the way we impact children.

My favorite television show is *Alone* on History Channel. The show enlists ten participants to see how long they can survive in some of the roughest terrain in the world. If they can't survive, they tap out. Last one standing is the winner. Spoiler Alert...guess what ends up sending most of the participants home? You'd think it would be run-ins with dangerous animals, lack of food and other essentials, or little protection from the harsh weather conditions. Nope! It's because the participants are not allowed to have any human interaction. So what I'm most grateful for today is the communication you've had with your students. I know they appreciate it, as well as their families.

The 'soft closure' will more than likely stay in effect for the remainder of the school year. A soft closure means students will not be allowed to be on campus and will receive educational services through distance learning. Special Education and Food Services will additionally be provided. While we provide these services, we will make best efforts to keep all staff members healthy.

We had an administrative meeting this morning to discuss plans for the remaining school year. Our principals and supervisors will keep you in the loop. More detailed information is coming after our school board meeting. Once we know something, I promise you'll be first to hear about it!

Passover, Good Friday, and a visit from a special bunny on Sunday. A weekend of celebration, of appreciation, of grace, and of hope... Take that COVID-19!

Happy Easter Trojans,

Tim

