April 6 Letter from Principal Kim Kubisch

Dear NES Families,

Happy beautiful, sunshiney Monday!! The sun was a welcome gift today. It is our hope that you all continue to stay safe and healthy!!

Beginning today, Monday, April 6 all of our schools in the District started "Required Learning and Teaching". We have moved from supplemental and optional activities to required. We are incredibly pleased and proud to work with the amazing NES Staff and with you to continue your child's learning.

We have shared the link to all of the remote learning information here.

NPS Parent Remote Learning Plan

Please review this information completely and feel free to ask any questions via email.

All staff members have shared their schedules with you for your respective children. These schedules will include group times, therapies, EL services, SPED services, reading intervention and individual or small group times. This is your child's online connection time. Our NES Teachers have worked so hard to connect with your children and you over the last week to establish these schedules. In addition, they have worked with all other NES staff to create the schedules shared with you. Know that in this time period, we are not trying to create 5 day 6.5 hour schedules. Students will be working less than this. We also want to be cautious of too much screen time. Each teacher will share an online PADLET of information. This is the location for all of you and your children to access activities, projects, work tasks in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, mindfulness, art, music, PE, read alouds, etc. You should access these to provide your students with things to do each week when they are not online. Teachers will share new items each week. Children should also have play time, outside time, meal times, etc.

We are trying to be cognizant of all that you have your plates as well. Some of you are trying to work from home, care for other children in the home, care for older family members, and run your own lives. We do not expect you to be the teacher. Yet, we do need to count on you to assist children in finding a place in your home to do their school work, accessing their work on the PADLET, going online for their large group, small group, and individual times, and setting up a work schedule for students that is doable for your family. We always say that we could not do this without you. We are beyond grateful for your assistance through this virtual time.

We are so pleased to share that if any of your children are close to losing a tooth, you can reach out to Meri Lepore, our school nurse at leporem@npsk.org She will happily
connect with you to share the tooth boxes in a social distancing safe way. We know the kids have loved these when they are at school. It is a little thing that may contribute to the normalcy and consistency we used to have!

Also, we are planning to do a car parade on Friday of this week. We will send out the details soon. Our hope was to have staff drive through some neighborhoods to wave to our students. No one will get out of the cars nor do we want students to run up to cars. We are modeling the social distancing and safe behaviors we expect all to follow. We all just miss seeing the children so much, we thought it might be fun to drive by and wave to the students.

Report Cards for Trimester Two will be published in ASPEN on 4/17/20. There will be no mailing of report cards. As a reminder, Trimester Two represented the time period of 12/4 - 3/13/20. Due to the interruption of teaching and learning this term, some of the standards taught and introduced this trimester were not practiced or assessed to the sufficient depth or mastery intended. Report cards will reflect students’ measured ability up to March 13 instead of the scheduled end Trimester 2 (March 20).

Don't forget - Parent placement information for next year 2020-2021, should be shared via email with Kim Kubisch by 4/17/20.

There will be know Kindergarten Screening this year. Sarah Erichsen will be reaching out to all of our families who have attended our registration in January, called to update us about their child, or those who dropped in to sign students up. She will share information with you to continue the process.

We will email you again next Monday evening. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the email addresses below.

Best,

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