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March 20, 2020

Dear PVUSD Parents and Community,

We recognize that this continues to be a challenging and unprecedented time with constantly changing conditions. The health and safety of our students, families, and community remain at the center of all decision making. Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statewide Shelter in Place order to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This order does not change directions previously issued to Santa Cruz County residents, but rather only directs other California counties to adhere to the same restrictions. The Governor has not specified an end date to the order, but anticipates school closures to continue into the summer months. It is our responsibility as a school community to be prepared for the possibility of a long closure.

TK-2nd Grade Student Instructional Packets

Starting Monday, March 23, students in TK-2nd grade will be issued packets of instructional materials compiled by their teacher for student learning. Packets will be available for distribution each week of school closure on Mondays from 8:00-10:00am and 3:30-5:30pm at your student's school site. Students will submit their completed packets each time they pick up a new packet. Alternate ways to receive the instructional packets are being explored for upcoming weeks. Please note that instructional packets will not be provided during the week of spring break from March 30-April 3, 2020. After break, remember to get your new instructional packet on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Starting the week of March 23, 2nd students will begin to receive their Chromebooks so that they too can engage in digital learning. Additional information will be provided by the individual school sites.

Distance Learning for 3rd -12th Grade Students

If you have children in grades 3rd -12th, they should have already picked up their Chromebook from their school site. For families that were unable to pick up a Chromebook this Thursday or Friday at their school sites, an additional opportunity to pick up a Chromebook will be on Monday March 23rd through Friday March 27th between 9:00AM until 12:00PM at either: Aptos Junior High School located at 1001 Huntington Drive, Aptos CA or Cesar Chavez Middle School located at 440 Arthur Rd. Watsonville, CA.

During the school closures, teachers may be utilizing Google Classroom to create assignments and provide educational resources for your students. Please go to classroom.google.com to access your child's classroom. Log in with your student's PVUSD username and password to see their classes; your student should be able to help with this. If you need more support, watch this video: tinyurl.com/studentgc.

Below you will find step-by-step instructions:

1. Go to <https://www.pvUSD.net/>
2. Click on the "students" tab
3. Click on "student links" <https://www.pvUSD.net/studentlinks>
4. Click on "Google Classroom" with the green chalkboard-looking icon

Logging in to your account & Google classroom:

1. Enter your log-in email: student ID #@pvusd.net
 - BE SURE TO INCLUDE @pvusd.net
 - Also make sure that anyone else other than the student's email aren't already filled in - this will bring you to their google account, not yours
2. Enter your password: Enter personalized password or, if one has not been established, enter the first two letters of your birth month (first letter capitalized), your birth date, your birth year
 - Example: a student who was born on May 25th, 2007 would enter: Ma252007

Once you are in:

1. Check the classroom "stream" tab for updates and general posts from your teacher.
2. Check the "classwork" tab to find current assignments.
3. Parents AND students check google classroom daily to ensure you are not missing any important information and assignments from your teacher.

Parent Technology Support

All students should be accustomed to using their Chromebook as they do so daily in their classrooms. We do however recognize that this is a new experience for parents. For additional support, we have created a PVUSD Community phone support line **1-831-786-2493** which goes live Monday, March 23 at 8:00 am. Please be patient as we assess the appropriate staffing level for this phone line.

Keeping You Informed and Connected

Information and communication is updated frequently on PVUSD's website under the [COVID-19Info tab](#). This tab is also located on each school's website. Families can find additional home resources under the [Parent tab](#). During school closure, office phones are not staffed. Should you have questions, other than those related to technology, which has a dedicated number listed above, or not answered on the [website](#), to ensure timely response you may contact either the office of Secondary Services at 786-2395 or Elementary Services at 786-2133.

We are working diligently to ensure our website is updated regularly with the most accurate information from public health authorities. For additional information, you may also visit the Centers for Disease Control 2019 novel coronavirus website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>. For ideas on how to talk with your children about COVID-19 please visit: http://sccoe.link/talking_about_COVID19. For local information, residents may visit www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus, call 211 or text "coronavirus" to 211211.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a new experience for all of us, both personally and professionally. We are poised to make a positive impact on our students, families and community when we need to be connected most. Please take time to read the accompanying letter from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education that is signed by all Superintendents in our County. I appreciate and value your role as parents and caregivers for your students during this challenging time. We must continue to work together to support each other and our community each day and in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,



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Date: March 20, 2020
To: Santa Cruz County Students and Families
Re: **Update on Services Through School Closures**

Dear Families of Santa Cruz County,

School Districts and the County Office of Education continue to work together to provide our students and families with essential services throughout school closures due to COVID-19. Though our county's school districts vary in size and resources, we are equally committed to the success and wellness of our students, and are sharing expertise and resources between districts whenever possible.

Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statewide Shelter in Place order to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This order does not change directions previously issued to Santa Cruz County residents, but rather only directs other California counties to adhere to the same restrictions. The Governor has not specified an end date to the order, but anticipates school closures to continue into the summer months. It is our responsibility as a school community to be prepared for the possibility of a long closure. In a previous communication, we shared that schools will be closed through April 10, 2020. We will continue to work with public health authorities to determine the appropriate length of school closures across Santa Cruz County as more information becomes available.

Teachers throughout Santa Cruz County have been working diligently to prepare and plan for distance learning. We intend to provide all students from Transitional Kindergarten to 12th grade with learning materials that ensure their access to high-quality education throughout the closures. We recognize the challenges distance learning poses for families and are committed to supporting parents in helping their children access education from home.

We are currently in the planning stages of how services specific to Special Education students will be delivered based on individual student needs. For students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP), our Special Education staff or classroom teachers will be in contact with parents to review what to expect in the upcoming weeks. This may include, but is not limited to, virtual service delivery and/or consultation with providers via phone, email, or other use of technology in order to supplement packets or materials sent home, as appropriate.

We are working to help ensure all families have equitable access to internet services at home. Several internet service providers in the community are now offering free or low cost internet service to low income families. Internet access is key to help facilitate our efforts to offer engaging distance learning

opportunities for students and help families learn about how they can access essential services in the community. Please visit sccoe.link/internet to learn how your family may qualify for free or low cost internet services.

School Superintendents continue to work closely together and with the Department of Public Health to share information and make informed decisions on behalf of our school community. We ask that parents adhere to the “Shelter in Place Order”, practice social distancing, and proper personal hygiene practices to minimize the risks of exposure and transmission of illness at home.

Parents are encouraged to call or email their child’s school or district prior to visiting the site in person if they have questions or need services beyond the food programs available to their student or to pick up distance learning materials. Schools will observe the routinely scheduled break in services to students during the week of spring break. During this time, schools will not be offering food services nor distance learning. Pajaro Valley Unified School District, spring break will take place from March 31 through April 3. All other districts will observe spring break from April 6 - April 10.

We are working diligently to ensure our online resources are updated regularly with the most accurate information from public health authorities. Please utilize the following resources:

- Available community resources: http://sccoe.link/community_resources
- Activity Ideas for parents: <https://sites.google.com/pvusd.net/pvusdparentideas/home>
- Centers for Disease Control website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>.
- The Santa Cruz COE web page including an interactive map of food services distributions: www.sccoe.link/coronavirus.
- Public Health www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus
- The Santa Cruz County has recently launched a Call Center to answer questions about COVID-19. Please call (831) 454-4242 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday
- In addition, residents may visit, call 211 or text “coronavirus” to 211211.

Now more than ever, the continued education of our students despite school closures represents a strong partnership between teachers, classified staff, and other educators and parents and guardians. We commend our school community for the flexibility, commitment, and resilience they have demonstrated to make continuity of these vital services possible.

Sincerely,

Laurie Bruton, Superintendent, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District
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