



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 16, 2020

Dear Families:

As I write this letter to you, our teachers and support staff are all hands on deck at George Hall. We have teachers planning lessons, activities, gathering resources for you and learning how to use new technology tools to assure our students have what they need to keep learning while they are not at school. Our support staff is helping create supply bags, making copies, filing packets, and anything else needed for the successful distribution of packets. I'd like to acknowledge the entire George Hall staff for their dedication to our students. Everyone has been positive and lending a hand school-wide. I couldn't be prouder to work with such amazing people.

This is a challenging time for all of us and the way we respond will determine how our kids internalize and react. Please take the time to breathe and practice self-care for yourselves and with your children in the weeks ahead. Soon, students will receive a packet with lessons, activities, and ideas to keep them engaged and keep learning while we experience At Home-Distance Learning. Each student now has a district assigned G-mail account. Teachers will be able to email them and have Google Hangout sessions to continue communication with them. Connecting with our students is very important to us during this time. Packets will include directions on how to use the tools with our teachers.

Please know that Distance Learning is new for all of us. We are doing the best we can with the information we have. Teachers may need to make adjustments and will communicate with you if so.

Tomorrow, please follow these directions to pick up your student(s) packet(s). Packets will be distributed in a drive-through manner. This is to ensure the health and safety of you and our staff. Questions must be emailed to the teacher or office or left on voicemail. We will respond to your questions as soon as possible. Teachers will NOT be available during distribution.

At your assigned time, please follow these directions to pick up your student(s) packet(s). Pick up will be on the blacktop/big playground. Enter through the gate closest to 39th on Curtiss. Please drive up E. 39th and turn north onto Curtiss. Please DO NOT get out of your car and approach the distribution tables. Drive forward and we will have staff asking for your grade level and student(s) name. Your packet will be handed to you and you will be asked to sign off after receiving the packet. If possible, please bring your own pen to sign for the packet(s). Once your packet is received, we ask that you

quickly leave the area so we can continue an efficient packet distribution. The line of cars will most likely go down the playground and through the basketball courts to exit back on Curtiss near the LGI.

Do not enter through the front of school - campus is closed.

LAUNCH DAY SCHEDULE - TUESDAY 3/17	
Time to Pick up Student Packet	Last Name to Pick up Packet
9:00-11:00	A-K
11:00-1:00	L-Z

Wednesday 3/18 9:00am-12:00pm ONLY
You may walk up to the school and access packets in a self-serve manner. Packets will be arranged by grade level and class in bins in front of the school office.

AFTER 12:00 on Wednesday
You may access information online only. It will be in a PDF format and need to be printed at home.

It is very important that you read all district emails, as they are the main source of the latest information to assure clear and correct updates.

In Best Regard,
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