



Dear Lead Community-

Thank you so much for your help during the first week of school. I have LOVED seeing our students in their daily Morning Meetings with their teachers! I hope that you all had the opportunity to attend your classroom teacher's Back to School Night event last week and learn about distance learning for your child. Our collaboration with you will be very important for your child's success this year.

Important Information

Student Assessments: Teachers will soon begin math and language arts assessments for all students. These assessments are just one of the many tools used by teachers to inform their instructions and ensure each child's needs are being met in the classroom. During this time, it is especially important for students to come to class prepared. You can set up your child for success during assessments by:

- Helping your child to create a consistent area to complete school-work with minimal distractions, and a singular location for school materials.
- As difficult as it may be, allow your child to engage in the learning as independently as possible in order to support the growth of independence in their learning.

If a student is scheduled for assessments in the afternoon, their teacher will inform you a few days in advance so that arrangements can be made for them to participate. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the assessment process. Together we can make this school year successful for our students.

More information can be found in our [Lead Distance Learning Parent Handbook 2020-2021](#) (ENGLISH) and [Lead Aprendizaje a distancia Manual para las familias 2020-2021](#) (SPANISH).

Technology Resources for Families: We have developed many technology resources to help students get connected to Distance Learning. You will find descriptions, videos and other quick-start guides to assist.

- [Distance Learning Family Resources website.](#)
- [Chromebook/Network 101 - English/Spanish](#)
- [Student/Family Tutorials - English](#)
- [Google Suite Resources - English](#)
- [Google Suite Resources - Spanish](#)
- [EdTechTeam](#) (Free technology resources from an independent source.)

Technology Challenges: If your student is struggling to get connected to their Google Meets or Distance Learning programs, please alert their teacher or call our school office as soon as possible. You may also submit a Tech Support Form ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)) for assistance.

Tips during COVID-19 : "Kids of all ages need **playtime, downtime, and family time (PDF)** every day for healthy development." Please visit <https://www.challengesuccess.org> to download and print **Playtime-Downtime-Family Time (PDF)** tip sheets in English or Spanish for different age groups. Also visit <https://www.healthychildren.org> for more resources.



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School Website: Please visit our school website for more updates and past [Principal Weekly Newsletters](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 1st (5-6:30pm) - District ELAC Meeting: Please join our district leadership and Lead ELAC leaders on a [Google Meet](#).

Wednesday, September 2nd (All Day) - Owl Colors Spirit Day: Please encourage your child to show their Lead Owl spirit by wearing our school colors, orange and blue, while they are learning online. Please note that teachers will be offline on Wednesday, September 2 after 9am for Teacher Professional Development. Students will be asynchronous learning after 9am on this day.

Wednesday, September 2nd (1-3pm) - Materials Distribution Day: Please visit campus to pick up important curriculum materials for your child. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Wednesday, September 2nd (6:00-7:30pm) - Virtual Lead Principal Chat and PTA meeting: Join us to meet other Lead parents and help answer all your questions about the beginning of the school year. Meeting link coming soon in an email and on Class Dojo.

Monday, September 7th - Labor Day: No school. Please enjoy the holiday!

September 8th-11th and 15th-17th - Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences: You will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher to meet virtually to discuss your child's progress in their learning. Please note that all synchronous instruction online will end by 12pm on the Parent-Teacher Conference days.

With respect,
Mr. Slife
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