

## April 7, 2020-School Messenger Update

Hello Green Mountain Families,

By now I'm sure you are all aware that Governor Inslee has ordered all schools closed for the remainder of the school year. While this is likely a sound decision for the health and safety of all, it does leave all of us with questions, lack of closure, and some anxiety about what comes next.

Fortunately, the closure of schools to students does not mean that schooling and learning will stop. Our talented teachers are busy at work crafting a distance learning program that will support continued learning for our students outside of the classroom. We will do a soft rollout of this new model on Friday, when packets of work and accompanying video lessons will be available to families. Staff will be contacting families again in the next two days to arrange pickup or delivery of materials and supporting technology if you need it. Expect also to hear from teachers, who are checking in on students.

This new distance learning and teaching model will require effort and commitment from all involved -- students, parents, and teachers. We cannot replicate the effectiveness of face-to-face instruction in the classroom, but working together we can make sure that students continue to learn while they are out of the classroom. This is going to be a challenge for all of us, but I have confidence that working together we can do great things just as Green Mountain School always has.

Remember that free school breakfasts and lunches are available, and we are delivering in our district. If you want to be added to our delivery route, please call the office by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

I will be sending detailed information out with packets on Friday, and will also post that information to our website. Thank you for your patience as we work to re-tool our instruction to a distance learning model.

I hope all our families are doing well, and remind you to call the school if we can help you through this difficult time.

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Tyson Vogeler, Superintendent