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Dear Magnolia Families,

We sincerely hope this email finds you well. Right now, the most important concern must be keeping yourself and your family healthy. Nothing is more important. Please consider the following practices to help promote health:

- Keep social distancing (6 ft) from others.
- Establish routines to maintain normalcy. Everyone thrives on routines. Eat healthy and get a good night's sleep.
- Exercise. This helps to build the immune system. Go for a walk, do some yoga, or use Go Noodle's free app to get the kids moving. These are just some examples.

[Remote Learning - When will we be back in School?](#)

The original plan was to use remote learning for two weeks and return to live school on April 1st. The virus had other plans. Our remote learning began on March 17 and will continue until the Governor lifts his Executive Order and allows schools to reopen. **By Executive order, we will remain closed until at least April 17. The earliest we could return to school is April 20.** Last night, the President made reference to April 30th as the date for the current social distancing to remain in effect. As soon as we hear anything, we will be sure to share this information with everyone.

[Updated School Calendar](#)

Due to the social distancing circumstances, we have decided to shorten our Spring break. Remote learning school will be closed on Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13. Remote Learning will resume on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Due to these changes, the 180th day of school, which will be the last day for students, will now be Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Monday, June 8th will be the planned 8th Grade Graduation.

Communication

Google Classroom, Zoom, ClassDojo, the Magnolia School Website, email, and phone calls to school are all ways to communicate. We have a 24 hour call return policy, so someone will get back to you about your concerns.

Instruction

Hopefully everyone, including the teachers, families, and students, are starting to get in the groove of remote learning. It has been a challenge juggling work-life balance and the responsibilities that go along with each. I'm very proud of all the flexibility our staff and community have shown during this transition. It is a lot, and this administration recognizes the hard work and dedication that everyone is putting in to make this style of learning as successful as it can be in such a short amount of time. For those students with paper packets and in grades PreK and Kindergarten, please take pictures of your work, upload them to your teacher, and save them. The teachers have directed what to do with your work (whether it comes through Dojo, Classroom, or email. Just keep doing the best you can; we know you can do it!!

Managing Stress and Anxiety

<https://pjllibrary.org/familyactivities> - Ideas for having fun and keeping busy at home

<https://healthier.stanfordchildrens.org/en/how-to-talk-with-kids-about-covid-19/> - How to talk to children about the COVID-19 Virus

Also, our Child Study Team has a Google Classroom. The code to join it is "nlhcljh" (those are lower-case L's, not i's.)

Thank you and Stay safe,

Karen Macpherson, Superintendent

Paul Sorrentino, Principal

Jen Pontarelli, CST/Curriculum Supervisor