



Harmony Magnet Academy

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. Unfortunately, things will look very different each passing day regarding the outbreak of Covid-19. Effective Monday, March 23rd, Porterville Unified School District school sites will be closed to students until further notice for the health and safety of the community. While we hope the situation changes to allow for regular instruction to resume April 14th, in Governor Newsom's address, he referenced the potential that schools would not re-open before summer. We will just have to wait and see.

Our most pressing task is to ensure continued meals are available for our students. On Monday, March 23rd, PUSD will be ready to deliver combination 'Grab and Go' lunches and breakfasts. The plan will provide for these meals to be delivered at all school sites. I realize that Harmony is a Charter Magnet School and many of you do not reside in Strathmore. You may access your home school site for meal pickup or you may pickup at Harmony. Meals will be packaged as a lunch and breakfast for the next day. Pickup is scheduled for 11:00 am through 12:30 pm.

Harmony is fortunate to have many online resources and Google Classroom lessons available where students can access their lessons to reduce the severity of not receiving instruction in the short term. Our goal, beginning next week, is to plan on providing 15 days of curriculum beginning Wednesday March 25. This will take us to April 14, 2020. A staff member from HMA will be reaching out to you and your student by phone to determine how curriculum will be delivered to all students. Parents will also be notified by mail and other school communication systems. Listed below are some guidelines of what that will entail:

Identify students with devices and internet

(Response- Students should have access to lessons via Google classroom and should be ready to go once HMA shares with them.)

Identify students without devices but do have internet

(Response- Students will be able to check out a laptop from HMA on a drive through basis.)

Identify students who have neither internet or a device.

(Response- Students will be able to check out a laptop and a thumb drive or a paper packet of lessons to take home and complete.)

Students may also choose to communicate with their various subject area teachers. This can be accomplished via email by using the teacher email link provided on the HMA website, or you may call the school to get access to your teacher.

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Finally, if your student is in need of consulting regarding their well-being during this time away from school and want to share with someone, we will have our counselors available for you or your student to reach by phone.

During this time, our goal is to support our students at the highest level possible. I know questions will arise; we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. I am confident we will get through this situation by supporting our students and working together to ensure success.

Yours respectfully,

Jeff Brown- Principal