

Happy Friday CMS Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe, happy, and healthy!

Today I participated in an online staff meeting with many of our teachers and it was very clear how much they love our students and their jobs. Despite no mandate, many of our teachers are now working on establishing online classes in an effort to keep students engaged with them and with each other. For me, just logging on and seeing the smiling faces of the people I work with, and am privileged to call my friends, lightened my mood. As we continue to work through these challenging times as a school, state, and nation please make sure to stay connected to friends and family. There are varieties of free options online for video chatting in groups and I'd encourage you to explore these to stave off some of this isolation.

As far as updates go, I really have nothing definitive for you. We're all in flux as the news changes by the hour. What I can tell you is that CUSD leadership continues to monitor news and announcements and we are following the recommendations coming from state and national leaders. We will continue to provide instruction in an online format, and, if school closures continue, we will seek methods to improve upon the format that has been established. We thank you for your continued patience and support in this area!

I have been notified about a handful of problems, mostly related to access and/or faulty hardware (Chromebook issues). Many of these we were able to solve within a couple days and, for unresolved issues, we're doing our best to find solutions. Please note, at this time we are **NOT ALLOWED** to be on site for any reason so, if your child needs physical supplies from the school we are presently unable to accommodate those requests. When the "stay away" order is lifted we'll let you know as long as we are given the "OK" to provide supplies.

As a reminder, the CMS faculty and staff determined that using a centralized public document with links to coursework/MySchool/Moodle was the best way to allow students easy access to curriculum and assignments. In most cases teachers have posted several days or even weeks of curriculum and assignments for students to work on, however, students should continue to monitor this document regularly. Should closures extend, teachers will be uploading new

content on a weekly basis with new curriculum going live by each Monday morning. Classes may also be updated during the week so please check in regularly.

If you encounter a link that does not allow you access. The message will read “You do not have access to this link”. If this occurs it is because only students have access to the link as the registered member of the class. Please have your student log in on their device and attempt to access the link. If they are not able to access the link and are a member of the class they should follow the prompts requesting access and email the teacher.

Students should follow the steps below to access their assignments.

1. **Access the document posted on the CMS Home Page or use this link:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11thjwFC0VfaTD91-FwV2KBWI3RaYzDFoS5W4zifJFCQ/edit?usp=sharing>

2. **Click on the name/s of your teachers and follow additional links or instructions provided to appropriate grade level curriculum and assignments.**
3. **Thoroughly read any instructions regarding assignments, assignment completion, and assignment submission.**

Teachers will continue checking email regularly during the school closure so please feel free to address any questions you may have directly with individual instructors.

CUSD Home Technology Survey

Now that we are at the end of the first week of school closure, we want to check in to see how the technology is working for staff, students and your families. Please take a few minutes this weekend to provide your feedback so we can better serve your needs. We are particularly interested in any problems you are experiencing. (If you are not having any problems, this survey is optional.) Please also know that you can email your teacher if you ever experience tech problems with the learning programs at home. They will then help you with what they can, or forward the problem to a district IT person who will reach out to you to help.

Please use this link: <https://forms.gle/TEPHhhkKEavhbx8XA> to complete the survey

That's all for now. I'll continue to provide communication as the situation evolves.

Stay safe and healthy!

With regards,

Dan Morgan

Important Announcement About Free Meals!

The School Lunch Program will provide **free meals** to any child 18 or younger during school closure. Beginning Monday, March 23rd, CUSD will provide free breakfast and lunch grab-and-go meals to individuals under the age of 18 twice a week. Meals will be delivered on Mondays with meals for two days, and again on Wednesday with meals for 3 days.

Meals will be distributed from a district van, and may be picked up by families at these locations:

- Carmel Middle School Cafeteria parking lot: 11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
- Big Sur River Inn parking lot: 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.
- Big Sur near Ventana entrance. Look for the district van parked at pull out area off Highway 1:

1:15 - 1:45 p.m.

- Tularcitos Elementary School Bus loading zone: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Cachagua Community Center parking Lot: 1:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Changes to locations or delivery times will be posted on the CUSD web site. Please check the website for the most current information.

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