

March 18, 2020

Greetings ECRA Students and Families!

We appreciate all your patience and support as we move forward with our plan for online learning for our students! The ECRA staff are here for you and will be making sure your child's or children's needs are met to the best of our ability during this time of school closure. Please feel free to communicate any questions, comments, or concerns you may have through email to parentliaison@ecracharter.org or by leaving a message on the school phone at 314-2212. We are checking the messages regularly from our remote location. You can also contact our parent liaison, Brenda Garcia, directly at 505-633-6538. She will direct your questions to the appropriate personnel to return your call.

Online Learning

We are using Google Classroom to manage ECRA's online learning. Every student has a Gmail account that has previously been established. Your child's email will be receiving requests to them to join google classroom classes and other notifications of classwork, virtual meetings assignments, etc. as we proceed. (Please see the note below to be certain that your child is connected:

For students who have not sent up their school email, this is the procedure. Go to gmail.com, and type in firstname.lastname@ecracharter.org. If you have a hyphen or space in your name, those need to be included. The temporary password is ecr1234, at this point the student will be prompted to make a new password. Please have the student write down exactly what they type in so they can remember it for later. Once into their email, they can click on the nine dots at the top and join their classes google classroom, or use the link in the email sent from your teacher.

This week, teachers and staff are working diligently to set up the virtual classrooms, establish online procedures and fully utilize all the resources that are available to us to support your students. Teachers and staff are meeting daily in professional learning communities (PLCs) to collaborate and cooperatively plan for your child's instruction beginning next week.

Most classes will begin next week on March 23, 2020. Your child's teacher will be providing learning through a combination of methods:

- Live virtual lessons that your child can attend
- Pre-recorded lessons that your child can view
- Small groups video conferencing where your child can interact with the teacher and other students
- Individual virtual meetings or phone conference calls
- Online assignments described in detail in their Google Class
- Assignments in web-based programs such as Freckle and Edgenuity

Google Meet is a video conferencing tool that we will be using to provide learning experiences that are visual and interactive, where kids can ask questions and teachers can share information, materials and demonstrations.

LOTS of information and new tools?!! Don't Worry! The first few days next week will typically involve teachers working with students and families to understand how to use Google Classroom, the tools, the procedures and how to join virtual lessons in Google Meet. If you are struggling with the technology, let us know and we will assist you!

Internet Surveys

Last Thursday we sent home an internet use survey that had questions about your child's access to electronic devices and internet access. We have a team that has been calling the remaining families that were unable to return their surveys. Once we have all the information we are working to assist those in need with access to online learning. If you did not complete the survey and have not shared your access to the ECRA staff member calling on the phone, please contact Brenda Garcia as soon as possible at the number listed above.

Meals Available

APS has started a food delivery and the closest locations to pick up meals are Harrison, Atrisco, George I. Sanchez, Navajo and Barcelona. The schools are serving meals between 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You must have your student in the car with you. Any additional children below age 18 can also receive meals.

Message for Students in Grades 7 – 12 from Secondary Teachers

The majority of classes start on Monday, March 23, 2020. Make sure you check your Gmail, but also go to your Google classroom hub for your classwork. Please let teachers know if there is an assignment that is beyond your technology so they can assist you!

Communication

ECRA will continue to communicate with you regularly, so please check your cell phones and email frequently for updates and school information!

Talking with Children About Coronavirus

We have posted this brochure on our website to assist parents and families in their discussions with children about Covid-19

Social Distancing and Isolation

Please continue to make every effort to follow the state and national guidelines on social distancing and self-isolation in order to further prevent the spread of this destructive disease.

From all the ECRA Team,

Be Safe & Be Well!

We look forward to working with you and your children next week!