



March 19, 2020

Greetings families,

As week one of remote learning draws to a close, I wanted to reach out to thank you all for your support, flexibility and dedication as we began our journey together. We realize that there were bumps in the road and want you to know we are committed to refining our practices to best meet the needs of our community. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback in a short survey that will be forthcoming. In the meantime, I wanted to keep you apprised of a few things that are coming up.

Community

To continue to remain one community while we are all at home, we would love to continue to host whole school spirit days. To kick off this spirit, we invite you and your children to participate in pajama day this Friday.

In an effort to see our community, we invite you to put photos of pajama day and other remote learning moments into our collective Google Photo album entitled "Friends School Remote Learning." <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4eX8bps86S3fSnKL7> Please only post photos you are comfortable sharing with our community and please do not re-use the photos of another family.

We would also like to invite you to join the Facebook private group entitled [Friends School Boulder Community Group](#). This is a space just for Friends School families to connect that is not open to the public.

Remote Learning

In an effort to help families with multiple children and limited devices, we would like to offer that families with multiple children can check out one of our school iPads for the duration of remote learning so that each child has a device. Please email me directly if this is something that would benefit your family.

As we continue with remote learning, teachers will work to provide high quality asynchronous and synchronous learning opportunities for our families. We will continue to refine our practice with input from families. Thank you for your continued patience and partnership. Please remember that every family's needs are different. We encourage you to participate in a way that works best for your family.

Spring Break

We wish you all a restful spring break, even though it may be drastically different than originally planned. We hope you find time to read books together, play games, watch movies and connect. We are also asking our teachers to take spring break as a time to rejuvenate, relax, and prepare for the continuation of remote learning. They will not answer emails or host class during this week. The administrative team will be working from March 25-30 during the break, so please email Mandy at mstepanovsky@friendsschoolboulder.org or Honor at htaft@friendsschoolboulder.org should an immediate need arise. We encourage you to remain connected to each other during this time through virtual play dates, meetups, or phone calls, and look forward to being reconnected on Tuesday, March 31.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. We are all in this together and are grateful for your partnership as we continue to navigate uncharted territory.

With gratitude,

Mandy and the elementary team

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