



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

In an effort to see our community, we invite you to put photos of your family's 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.

Kevin and Diane will hold virtual parent meetings by advisor group the week after spring break. Please be on the lookout for further information.

Yearbook

We are adding pages to our yearbook documenting this unprecedented time in our school lives and need your help. We are gathering photos of your children in the virtual classrooms, working on assignments or projects, or other activities in and around your home as they stay busy outside of school. Please send images to Shelley Farahani at slfarahani@gmail.com or Jenefer Donovan at jdonovan@friendsschoolboulder.org. Thanks!

Remote Learning

In an effort to help families with multiple children and limited devices, we would like to offer families with multiple children the opportunity to 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. We will make arrangements for you to pick these up after spring break.

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 make

improvements 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 very different from your original plans. We hope you find time to read, play games, get outdoors, and connect. Teachers and staff will also be taking a much needed break before the continuation of remote learning. They will not answer emails or host class during this week. The administrative team will be working periodically during the latter half of break. Should an immediate need arise, please contact Shelby at spawlina@friendsschoolboulder.org or Honor at htaft@friendsschoolboulder.org. We encourage you to remain connected to each other during this time through virtual gatherings, 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,

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