



# *Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain*

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Dear AAEM Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Governor Ducey and Superintendent Kathy Hoffman announced on March 30, 2020, that schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year. Our staff and teachers are heartbroken over this news, but are committed to continuing to provide you and your family with support and care during this time. Please know the decision of our Governor was a necessary step to ensure we as a community do our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Recently the Governor issued an Executive Order declaring that many essential services should continue to function, including our schools. You can count on us to continue providing Grab & Go Meals for Children. Our days of service have changed to support the Stay Home order from the Governor.

## **Food Service**

Beginning next week, we will be serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday from 6am-9:30am. Both breakfast and lunch will be served. Our café staff will be providing two days of meals on Tuesday, and three days on Thursday. Any child 18 and under is eligible for these meals despite their enrollment at AAEM.

## **Work Packets**

In addition, work packets will continue to be distributed on a bi-weekly basis on campus which will coincide with the meal service times explained above. Work packets are also available on our website at [www.plcaem.org](http://www.plcaem.org) on our Academic Resources tab. Please note, work packets include two weeks' worth of work. **The next round of packet distribution will be on 4/14/2020 and 4/16/2020 from 6:30-9:30am.**

## **Assignment Pacing**

We recognized that with schools closing across the state, the home dynamic of our families has changed drastically. We are with you. We understand there is now more pressure and responsibilities for parents and children. Please work at a pace that is most comfortable for you using the resources provided. Our team of educators are here ready and willing to help.

## **Events**

At this time, all events through the end of the school year have been cancelled. We will be following up with more information to answer the questions you have regarding Kindergarten Graduation and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion. We are incredibly grateful for your continued patience as we plan and coordinate the facilitation of these events. We will notify parents when yearbooks and spring pictures are available for pick up.

Our priority at this time is ensuring the health, safety, and overall wellness of our school community. We are determined to minimize the potential impact that the current health crisis has on our commitment to educating students. Thank you for partnering with us to provide this level of support.

Please continue to check your email, Class Dojo, and Facebook for frequent updates. Please visit our website for the latest information related to services and learning. All resources will continue to be located in one convenient place for easy access for families.

Thank you for your support and patience. We wish health and safety for all.

With gratitude,

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Principal