

May 8, 2020

Dear Friends:

Happy Friday! I trust that each of you is anticipating a beautiful weekend!

After weeks of uncertainty, and in conjunction with Commissioner Salmon's announcement on Wednesday, we must accept the difficult decision that our campus will remain closed through the end of this school year. While I know this is the best, most responsible decision for the health and safety of all, it is simply heartbreaking. Relationships are the heart and soul of our school community and the relationships forged and fostered on our campus every day are what help our students become their best selves. Indeed, it is our unique, relational approach that is central to our mission, and it is why virtual learning has and will continue to reflect the high standards of a PDS education.

While the faculty and I are deeply disappointed that we will not get to see you or your children on campus this spring, I know that the extraordinary strength of our community is what will keep us going. Together, we'll do all that we can to maintain our relationships – of this, I am certain!

Attached to my letter of last week was a revised *Master Calendar* which made note of some year-end changes to our program. Of those, I want to highlight both *Spirit Week* and *Parent Conferences*.

Beginning on Monday, May 11 through Friday, May, 15 we will enjoy together a week of 'virtual school spirit'! This week, replete with "crazy hair day" and "pajama day" will provide us with an occasion to celebrate the strength of our relationships from afar and reinforce our belief in the power of magic powder! (announcement attached)

In late May, you are invited to participate in an individual parent conference with your child's teacher either via phone or Zoom. Scheduled at a mutually convenient time, these conversations will precede the publication of our Report Cards in mid-June and will allow for the opportunity to discuss both year-end progress and future goals.

As together we look forward to the fall term, the team here at Primary Day is planning in earnest for both the conclusion of this academic year and our return to campus-based learning in September. Next Friday's update will be dedicated to the explanation of *year-end grading*, *campus safety protocols* and *revisions/additions to our 'virtual learning curriculum'* to be implemented in the event of any disruption to our program during the coming year. Of course, our planning is preliminary at this juncture, but I am anxious to share our progress with you.

My best always,



Scott W.C. Lawrence
Head of School