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Dear Parents:

Maple View and Summit Trail Middle Schools, along with all our TSD schools, will begin remote learning on Monday, April 13th. This week, our teachers at all levels have been doing preparation and soft-start activities. Maple View Stretch teachers and Summit Trail first period teachers are contacting their students this week to ensure that each student has computer and internet access. In addition, we want to make sure that students have the ability to respond to their instructors electronically. Think of this as practice for staff, students, and families for the two weeks following Spring Break.

If you have a need to borrow a computer, we have another distribution scheduled for Thursday, April 2. Please click the link below to get the specifics on location and times and to fill out a request form.

Link for Information on Borrowing a Computer

Next week April 6th - 10th is spring break. We will be following up with families that we have not connected with and helping them to troubleshoot connectivity issues in order to be ready for the first day of classes.

This shift to online learning is a significant pivot from the program that we have been offering the past few weeks. As a reminder, this new digital platform cannot replicate the powerful experiences our kids have become accustomed to each day at school, but will instead create a new experience, with new tools and forms of communication. We will be introducing new learning and assessing student progress in the future. This is beyond the optional Learning Connections enrichment that has been in place up to now.

The first two weeks of this program will begin slowly, by design, to help students and families adjust to a different way of learning. We are trying to be aware of siblings and parents who might also be working from home and the need to share computers, WIFI, or provide personal technical support. The schedule for the first two weeks will have only one class per day with some scheduled time for interactive support with the instructor. The schedule below shows that Science will be taught on April 13th and 14th. Teachers will post a video lesson at 8:00 AM that students can access through Google Classroom. Science instructors will then be available to answer questions using Google Classroom, Google Meet, or email from 9:00 - 10:00 AM during office hours. Between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, students can submit questions via Google Classroom for science teachers to respond to later in a second office hour setting from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Teachers will provide assignments that students can complete earlier, but must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on the due day. As stated in the schedule below, there will be a similar cycle on later days with different subject areas. There may be unique situations that will require a teacher to communicate different office hours to students because they teach multiple sections of math, english/language arts, or electives.

Week 1 - Start everyday by checking into Google Classroom for the given subject/teacher. Remember to check your Tahoma email account										
Monday	13-Apr	Tuesday	14-Apr	Wednesday	15-Apr	Thursday	16-Apr	Friday	17-Apr	
Science		Science		ELA		ELA		Health & Fitness	Elective	
Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	MA8	Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	
Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	
Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	
Additional ?s	10-1PM	Additional ?s	10-1PM	Additional ?s	10-1PM	Additional ?s	10-1PM	Additional ?s	10-1PM	
Office Hour PM	1-2PM	Office Hour PM	1-2PM	Office Hour PM	1-2PM	Office Hour PM	1-2PM	Office Hour PM	1-2PM	
Submit work by	5PM	Submit work by	5PM	Submit work by	5PM	Submit work by	5PM	Submit work by	5PM	

Week 2 - Start everyday by checking into Google Classroom for the given subject/teacher. Remember to check your Tahoma email account										
Monday	20-Apr	Tuesday	21-Apr	Wednesday	22-Apr	Thursday	23-Apr	Friday	24-Apr	
Math		Math		SS		SS		Health & Fitness	Elective	
Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	Post Lesson	8AM	
Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	Learning Time	TBD	
Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	Office Hour AM	9-10AM	
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If required by government officials to extend online instruction beyond April 24th, we will expand our programs as we move into later weeks. This would include adding more class sections per day as well as increasing the amount of work required by students. We will be evaluating how the process is working during the first weeks.

We want to acknowledge and recognize the compounded stress that our families, students, and staff members may be experiencing right now. This is a shared experience throughout our Tahoma community. During these times, we find strength in each other and the understanding that at both Maple View and Summit Trail, our staff will continue to give our best effort for our students and families. We ask for your grace in these first awkward steps in this online environment, as we may stumble by a technical difficulty or a lesson that misses its mark, but we will also recover, learn, grow, and continue to improve with each opportunity. We want to use this pivot as a way to focus our attention to key learning targets and develop stronger relationships with our students and families.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Andy McGrath - Principal, Maple View Middle School Sean Cassidy - Principal, Summit Trail Middle School

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