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Princeton Joint Unified School District

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back! We will be starting the year in a Distance Learning mode and moving into the classrooms as soon as we are allowed. I know this is not ideal, we would all prefer in-person learning for our community. I cannot promise how long this will take. I can promise that we will be back in the classroom the day we are allowed. I can also promise that the staff is going to deliver an opportunity where your student can learn. Most of it will be fun and engaging.

Korey Williams
Superintendent/Principal

The Team: Kristin Gage is our new Kindergarten teacher and Megan Alston will be filling in for Bai Vue for the next few months. Mrs. Bai will be back for the second semester. These educators and the rest of our teachers have built websites, online classrooms, new curriculum, new assessment tools, etc... They are approaching this with a degree of professionalism that makes me proud to be a school leader.

Nate Odom
Dean of Students

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CBO/Director of
Human Resources

Materials for Learning: You probably received this letter during a parent conference, where you were also handed materials for learning (pencils, science supplies, notebooks, textbooks, etc...). Please care for these items and keep them together. The day we return to the classroom, the students will need these at school. Some of these are consumable and some are clearly used for many years. Do not fret over the consumables (even request more if you need them) but please care for the textbooks, tools, Chromebooks, etc... The school cannot afford to replace all this equipment every year.

Lance Swift
Director of Maintenance,
Operations, and
Transportation

Offices and Campus: COVID-19 brings a long list of new regulations. Only essential personnel will be allowed on campuses. This does not mean essential workers in general but rather people that must be present to operate Distance Learning. However, the offices will be open normal hours, and we are available by phone, email, Remind, etc... Do not come to the office or pick up meals if you have symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. Call the office for assistance.

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Distance Learning: This is not what was delivered last spring. Distance learning can be accomplished with the teacher during the morning hours or independently any time of day. The teachers will be teaching and assigning work daily over the internet. It is important for teachers to be able to track what students are learning, so students will be returning the vast majority of work over the net.

Learning Pods: We are expecting and planning to start small, on-campus learning groups within a couple of weeks. These groups are not school. They would be comprised of a few families in each group meeting with one adult. The students would be able to complete their school work, eat lunch, and interact with only the students in the room (the same small group every day). More soon.

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Dates: Distance Learning will begin on August 20th and follow a daily schedule. We will take holiday breaks as listed on the school calendar, and we will finish the school year, whether distance learning or in-person, just before the Colusa County Fair as previously planned.

SOAR: This program will not be able to operate in person, but the wonderful staff is going to reach out to students regularly. They will be offering help and facilitating games and other opportunities for students to interact with each other. SOAR is open to all elementary students, and the fees are waived this year.

Communication: The website and Remind continue to be our primary methods of contact. Please add the appropriate Remind “Classes” to your account. Call the school office for assistance.

Food Services: We will be providing lunches to students this year at several bus stops and the cafeteria. More information will be provided at the parent conferences.

Please complete the enclosed forms and leave them at the school. Feel free to call the school office with questions or stop by anytime. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,



Korey Williams
Superintendent/Principal
Princeton Joint Unified School District

