

Davis Waldorf School is CLOSING effective Monday, March 16.

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Faculty, Staff and Friends,

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve rapidly, and we have been reviewing the school's response to the situation on a daily basis, including monitoring the Yolo County Health Department's (YCHD) recommendations, and Davis Joint Unified School District.

In discussions with the Faculty and Board, **we have decided to implement our plan to close the school effective Monday, March 16.** All classes, events, and aftercare will be cancelled. It is clear that, although our students are not at high risk by being at school, the broader Davis community needs us to support the wellness of others by staying home.

To continue coordinating our plans for consistent student learning, our Faculty and Staff will meet on Monday morning. Following that, communication to parents and students about home learning plans will be shared. In keeping with our Waldorf approach and core values, these plans will be based on child development and the needs of each class.

Faculty and Staff will be on campus on Monday so that parents and students can pick up any work and materials, as recommended by their teachers. Your Early Childhood or Class Teacher will contact you directly regarding the arrangements.

Currently we are *considering* moving Spring Break forward to March 30th through April 10th with classes potentially resuming April 13th. We will continue to monitor the information from the Yolo County Health Department and let you know the actual date classes will resume as we learn more in this fluid situation.

We will send updates via email regarding programming, events, meetings and plans, and post updates and information on the schools website as well.

We are all committed to supporting you and your children through this challenging and difficult time. As much as possible, keeping your family rhythms as consistent and normal as you are able will help us all in the coming weeks. We are a very strong community; please check in with each other and find ways to be there for each other even at a distance.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

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A Verse for Our Time by Rudolf Steiner

We must eradicate from the soul all fear and terror of what comes towards us out of the future.

We must acquire serenity in all feelings and sensations about the future.

We must look forward with absolute equanimity

To everything that may come.

And we must think only that whatever comes is given to us by a world-directive full of wisdom.

It is part of what we must learn in this age, namely, to live out of pure trust, without any security in existence.

Trust in the ever present help of the spiritual world. Truly, nothing else will do if our courage is not to fail us.

And let us seek the awakening from within ourselves, every morning and every evening.