



A NOTE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE

Hello MS parents. Well, it seems like we may be doing this a while longer. I'm sure you are as disappointed as I am that we still cannot get our kids back in the classroom and I remain hopeful that we will still do so eventually. I've gotten some feedback from some of our teachers that it is getting tougher to get work from kids and more of them are beginning to disengage. Although I fully expected this trend to begin at some point, we still need to rally together to keep things going. There really is no option but to charge forward and continue to do the best we can. The MS teachers will continue keep online learning varied, visual, dynamic and creative, and we will gladly accept any assistance you can provide in continuing to motivate and support your child to stay involved.

In my Friday video to the students, my theme was "perseverance" so feel free to reinforce this message in any way you think would be effective. [Mr. Bunnell's Friday Video](#)

Student-led Conference Presentations– Though we have decided to cancel the actual Parent Conference Days to get a couple class days back, we still hope to have students create their SLC presentations and present them to you at home. This is contingent upon opening the campus again within a reasonable time frame.

Screen Time – Some concerns have been raised about screen time for kids. If you can, and your subject area permits, try to incorporate some activities that kids can do off screen. I've got about a 90 minute max for staring at my screen (one of the things I'm struggling with in this new environment) and kids perhaps even less. If you can lead them away from their computers periodically, great.

Stay strong everybody. This too shall pass!

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