

Parent Update 5/1/2020

Hello, parents and guardians. I am hoping that your families are safe and well. I am sharing some current information and at the bottom of the letter is some old information that might be helpful.

**Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week.** Teachers have been delighted with the connection with your students in online learning and zoom meetings. I would like to thank all the parents who are also helping with teaching and organizing students during this closure. Teachers, like families, are balancing childcare, helping with their own children's schoolwork and working from home. The technology we are learning will benefit all of us in the future. The biggest gift to teachers will be when we are back in our schools with our students.

**New Information:**

**Parent Need Survey:** <https://forms.gle/amTvMDsqRLjpmf7y7> The link is a survey for any parent need such as mental/health resources, computer/hotspot needs, or other issues that KPMS can solve or direct families to possible resources. KPMS staff took care of requests from the last survey and we are seeing if there are any more parents who have new immediate needs. Glad we can help.

Thanks to all the parents/students/staff who filled out the recent district inquiry. We will be looking at the data and seeing what we can do to improve. The district will be sending parents the results from the district survey. The district will be sending another inquiry in a week.

**Lockers and PE Lockers:** Lockers will be emptied when the Governor's Stay at Home, Stay Safe order is lifted. KPMS will send out a survey for those parents who want to pick up their student's locker items. Then we will have some of our staff empty those lockers, put the student's name on the bag and arrange a time for parents to pick up. 6/7<sup>th</sup> graders will have the same lockers next year so there is no rush. Items can stay over the summer in lockers.

**Registration:** Registration for next year for 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> graders is open online in the students' portals. Instructions went out to students and parents via email. Registration for 6/7<sup>th</sup> graders closes at 3pm on 5/4. 5<sup>th</sup> graders registration closes at 3 pm on 5/8. First day of registration, half of the students already registered!

**Learning/Grading:** Schoology is the website that teachers are using to share their lessons and connect with students. Teachers are trying to cover the most essential concepts for the students' grade level. Please encourage your student to connect with the teachers for continued online learning during the closure.

Please contact administration or counselors if there is something that is in the way of your student participating through the Parent Survey:<https://forms.gle/amTvMDsqRLjpmf7y7>. We will look for ways to support your student during this closure. We know our families are

enduring challenges and difficulties and we want the students to have opportunities to engage in the learning. Many families have already reached out to us and we were able to problem solve to make the situations better.

**Old Information:**

**Hotspots-**

If you need a hotspot for internet, please contact Mr Selfors at selforsj@psd401.net.

**Chromebook repairs-**

Send an email to ServiceCentral@psd401.net for Chromebook repairs. Tech department needs to know the students name, the school and the issue with the Chromebook to proceed. Check your spam folders if you have not heard a response within a day.

**Food** - Lunch pick up at KPMS 11-1 pm, parents can go to district link to get delivery at the bus stop. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfS5S-11RhUWc8dyMRG6YLR62MrKXSMmYQOpGoPhFSd\\_56d9Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfS5S-11RhUWc8dyMRG6YLR62MrKXSMmYQOpGoPhFSd_56d9Q/viewform)

Food backpacks, now boxes, delivered on Saturday to the following locations: Evergreen Elementary, Gateway Park, Henderson Bay 12-1pm. Lunch is for every student, not just free and reduced students during the shutdown. Parents can now pick up lunches from the bus, not just the students. Parents can give the bus driver the student's names and get the lunches. Some students were missing teacher zoom meetings and now parents will be allowed to pick up the bus delivered lunches.

**Calendar:**

Students should be working up to 2 ½ hours a day. Below is the learning calendar:

Monday: Social Studies/Counseling  
Tuesday: Language Arts  
Wednesday: Math  
Thursday: Science  
Friday: Electives and Math (if needed by teacher)

I look forward to the time when we can be together again!

Jeri Goebel, KPMS Principal

