

Dear Highland's Families,

My message this week is simply to say how much I appreciate you and your ongoing communication with your child's teacher. You have provided us important feedback so we can continue to grow and get better at In-Home Learning. My goal is to send a Sunday message welcoming you to the week and provide important updates. Here are a few updates for this week:

**Attendance:** The state of Washington has required schools to take attendance. Staff at Highlands is working hard to stay connected with you. We understand how challenging school is at this time. It's so important to stay connected and communicate support you need around academics and other needs. Please stay in close communication with your teacher. You can do this by email, your child attending zoom classes or phone calls. Attendance is to verify that our families are alive and well.

**Staff Appreciation:** This week is staff appreciation in Washington State. Please have your child send a simple thank you to their teacher and other staff they are connecting with.

**Food Resources and Support** (please note the upcoming changes from our district):

- **Beginning Monday, May 11**, we will move from a 5 day/week meal service to a **twice per week meal service**.
  - Meals will only be available Mondays and Wednesdays at all meal sites.
    - Monday pick-up will include meals for Monday and Tuesday.
    - Wednesday pick-up will include meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
  - We will provide grocery bags to make it easier for families to carry multiple-day meal packs. Families are also encouraged to bring a backpack or bag to comfortably carry 2-3 days of meals.
  
- **Sunset Community Church Tuesday Food Distribution:**
  - This will continue to take place each Tuesday between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, trust, support and communication. Please tell your children hello for me and I'm working on another video to share.

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