

WARDLAW + HARTRIDGE

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Dear Wardlaw+Hartridge Families,

I hope you are doing well. I know you are swimming in emails from school and from many other places. I wanted to share some thoughts as we move through the second week of distance learning, and those can be found in the video linked below this letter.

We have stated previously our commitment to holding our community close and providing help where we can. As you know, our Board and parent representatives have phoned every family to check in, but you can also expect a survey soon from the school to try to gather your perspectives and experiences. As this distance learning period seems likely to extend for many weeks, we will continue those efforts to connect.

Our commitment in our partnership with you is to hear your concerns and to work together to try to find solutions.

- If you or your child are having trouble with the distance learning program, the teachers and division heads want to know. If you have an idea of how we could serve your child better, let us know. And of course if they are thriving and the level seems just right, let us know that too. The coming survey will provide that opportunity.
- If you or your child are having trouble navigating these times in an emotionally healthy way, our counselors, advisors, and teachers want to know.
- If your child is having trouble staying organized, our learning specialists and teachers want to know.
- If you are struggling with employment concerns or are worried about school bills, our finance manager, John Pratt, and I want to know.
- If you need other types of assistance, share those needs with people in the community who can help. If you share it with me and it is beyond my ability to help, I will try to connect you with others who are better positioned to assist.



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Solutions may not always be easy to find, but we do not want anyone to feel they have to struggle alone. Together we can find our best ways forward.

Thanks for reading, and for watching the video linked below. Please recall that we are closed (even remotely) this Friday and the coming Monday for our traditional Easter weekend. Whether you are celebrating Passover or Easter, or not celebrating at all, I wish you peace and relaxation.

<https://vimeo.com/405633891>

Best regards,

Andy Webster
Head of School