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December 14, 2020

Dear King Families,

Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

6910 Defoe Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 719-391-3455 719-391-3456 Tricia Bentley, Principal Linda Donelson, Assistant Principal

Thank you in advance for reading to the end of this lengthy letter. The information contained in this letter is meant to support you and your child as we move to distance learning for our Pre-K through 2nd grade students as well as SSN. As stated earlier on Dec. 11, Scott Campbell, our superintendent, mentioned that beginning January 6, 2021 ALL students will be in distance learning through January 15, 2021.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child receives all services being offered. Our teachers will be prepared daily to instruct your child. We understand that this will cause changes to your daily routines at home. There are some important daily routines that will set your child up for success. Please ensure they have a learning space of their own and that they have all supplies needed to engage in their daily classes. Detailed schedules will be shared with you by your child's classroom teacher.

Your child's classroom teacher is your best point of contact with any online concerns. As you all know, King teachers are dedicated to your children and are working very hard to continue the learning currently being done in person. Your child(ren) will have the same expectations and grading requirements as they currently do. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success in this online platform.

Families, please make sure you are connected to the Remind App and to your child's classroom. Teachers will communicate regularly via this method. If you need support please reach out to our office at 719-391-3455.

Please read the following Q and A to understand what distance learning will look like as well as requirements for your child.

How will we receive the learning materials?

Each child will be sent home with a computer. If you are in need of a hot spot to access the internet, please request one through the district's TLRS office at 719-391-3077. Teachers will also send materials home with your child on Thursday or Friday, December 17 or 18, 2020. If your child was not at school to receive their items, please plan on picking up the items on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 8:00 - 3:00. You can come to the front office for your items. If anyone is sick with Covid in your household please call and we can set up a drop off.

What does learning from home look like?

Teachers will communicate detailed schedules with each family. Students will be expected to get online daily with the class for all core subjects and small groups. Please check the exact schedule sent out from your child's classroom teacher via the Remind App. Students will also be expected to have their cameras on during instruction. This will support your child in receiving the best learning experience and give the teacher the ability to meet your child's needs. They should turn in assignments as expected by the teacher. Keeping up with daily tasks will be most effective to keep your child from feeling overwhelmed.