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LPS will continue Distance Learning through Friday, May 22, 2020.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Peabody Students and Families,

I truly hope this finds you and your families healthy and trying to make the most of this time together. This is such a challenging time for all of us but certainly more challenging for some than others. The most important message I want you to know is that you are not alone. Peabody is not merely your child's school. Peabody is the hub of this community, which means that we are a resource, a support system, and a family. If you and your loved ones are struggling, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and/or our school social worker, Heather Sherman. We can support in different ways by helping you access resources that you may need. We will do all we can to help. Please email fpappalardo@lps.k12.co.us or hsherman@lps.k12.co.us, and we will help direct you to the right place. There are some resources below, as well.

On a positive note, Peabody Distance Learning is up and running! I cannot begin this update without highlighting the absolutely amazing job the teachers and staff at Peabody have done to make this a success for our students and families. In less than two weeks, everyone working through spring break I might add, our educators created an online Distance Learning community to welcome our students and families back to Peabody. While it is not the same as being in the building each day, remember that the foundation of the school experience is the connection between student and teacher and that remains and is perhaps even stronger now.

While there have been challenges making this transition to online learning, we continue to work hard to problem-solve and improve our distance learning. I sent out one parent survey and have received the feedback and suggestions. I will send another in a couple of weeks. We will make adjustments and improvements as needed.

I want to thank all of you, our parents, guardians, and supportive adults helping our students at home. I know this hasn't been easy. Many of you are working from home yourselves and trying to facilitate multiple kids and their distance learning each day. Do what you can. Ask for guidance from teachers as needed. Please do not let this distance learning create stress, tears or anxiety for you or your students. The social emotional well-being of our students and families remain our priority. [LPS Distance Learning link](#)

This is an unprecedented time for us all. It is a time for us to rise up together and show the best of humanity. Please follow the guidelines of our public health experts (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) to keep yourself, your loved ones, neighbors, and community safe. Please check on any elderly neighbors (keeping your distance, of course) to ensure they have what they need. We will get through this together and we will be a stronger Peabody community because of this. If you have urgent needs and are unsure where to turn, please email me,

I'm sending love and best wishes to all of you as you navigate through the challenges of our current situation. Please let your students know that I and their teachers miss them very much and can't wait to see again in the near future.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Pappalardo

Distance Learning Information

Attendance expectations:

Students should be engaged in their online learning each day, Monday through Friday. Please engage in as many parts of the lessons and activities created by your child's teacher, i.e. Google Hangout meetings, watching instructional videos, etc.

If your child is ill and unable to login and engage in learning, ***please call the school attendance line to report if your student is absent. Please include symptoms. (303) 734-5685***

*Please have your child follow their teacher's attendance protocol (on their daily learning plan)

Specials Classes:

Your child is following their grade level class schedule for specials classes (art, music, pe, library). The expectation is that your child will visit the Google Classroom of each Specials class to find daily assignments/activities. You can find the classroom codes on the Specials Team distance learning [page](#). Each specials teacher has office hours to connect with kids and parents. Please encourage your student to pop in and say hello to Mrs. Wyatt (MTW 2:00-3:00), Ms. Siriwardana (TWThF 1:00-2:00), Mr. DeMarco (MTWThF 1:30-2:30), and Mrs. Johnson!

Tech support:

LPS technology support help ticket: <https://lps-tech.on.spiceworks.com/portal/tickets>

20-21 Staffing Information

As you recall, our enrollment is projected to decrease slightly for the 2020-2021 school year. I have created a staffing plan that I will communicate to you in my May newsletter. This is an important process and I feel confident that this staffing plan will best meet the needs of our students.

In the spirit of planning for next year, we want to make sure that we do everything we can to ensure that our students are placed in a class where they will thrive and grow. The creation of classes is a collaborative effort between classroom teachers, specialists, and administration. There are many important factors we consider when creating classes. These include learning style, behavioral considerations, classroom environment, ability levels and stages of developmental readiness, social relationships, gender distribution, and participation in special programs. We have very talented, committed, and caring teachers who are committed to quality programming in every classroom. Therefore, we do not take specific requests for teachers. If you feel your child has a specific need or learning style that we should consider when deciding upon placement, we ask that you fill out the [Student Placement Input Form 2020](#) by Friday, April 24th. This placement input is completely optional and is not necessary for us to create balanced classrooms for the upcoming school year.

Important Information and Resources for Students and Families

Students Diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If your student is diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19), please contact 303-347-3472 and leave a confidential message with your child's name, grade, school and date of diagnosis. We will work with

you and the Tri County Health Department to support your student.

Food Bank Information: <https://www.arapahoegov.com/1278/Food-Banks>

LPS Facilities / Buildings

All LPS schools will be closed from March 14 - May 22nd. There is no access to our schools in LPS until the Governor lifts the stay-at-home order.

<https://littletonpublicschools.net/district/coronavirus-updates>

Access to School Meals

School Closure Meal Information [link](#)

Social-Emotional Support for Students, Families, and Staff

Please contact Heather Sherman if you need support for your family, hsherman@lps.k12.co.us. In addition to providing information regarding school actions and the latest information regarding COVID-19, students, family, and staff can benefit from information regarding emotional support.

Helpful resources are found here and will also be posted on the District website. *If you are in crisis, please contact Colorado Crisis Services. Call 1-844-493-8255, or text "TALK" to 38255.*

<https://coloradocrisisservices.org/> to chat online. In an emergency, please call 911.

[Helping Children Cope with Stress During the 2019 n-Cov Outbreak](#)

[Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)

[Protecting Your Mental Health During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)



#EVERY CLASS, EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY