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Last day of Distance Learning is Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Peabody Students and Families,

Here we are at the end of the school year. It is hard to believe. There are times I reflect on this year and it feels like it has gone very slowly and other times it feels like the blink of an eye. While this year didn't end the way any of us expected nor wanted, I hope that it will not overshadow the amazing events we held at Peabody from August through the first part of March:

Family Picnic & Ice Cream Social, Field Day, Panther Prowl, the COG Grand Opening, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Panther Prowl Prize Day, Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day Celebration, Kindergarten Science

Fair, Arctic Adventure Book Fair, Cookies & Cocoa, Holiday Sing-along, welcoming our new kindergarten families at Kindergarten Information Night 2020, Global School Play Day, Valentines Day fun, and the Peabody Parent Party/Auction.

Our amazing teachers created engaging, rigorous, and caring classroom communities in which your children learned and thrived. Your children made new friends and tried new things. All of these things are what made the sudden transition to distance learning that much harder, but we did it! We created a strong partnership between home and school and made it to the finish line. Thank you for all that you have done to support your child's learning at home.

I wish you and your family a summer filled with good health, quality time together, and fun. Our hope is that we will see you at Peabody in the fall. We don't know what the future holds but the District will continue sending updates through the summer months and I will update the Peabody community as well.

Happy Summer!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Pappalardo

Fly Up Day

Monday, May 18th is Virtual Fly Up Day. At 9:00 am you will have access to a recorded message for your child from their teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. You may access the recordings [here](#).

End-of-Year Pick Up/Drop Off

On *May 20th & 21st from 9:00-1:00*, parents may come to the school to gather any student belongings left behind in March. While 99% of student personal belongings were packed up and sent home in March, we understand there may be a few items left. I had sent a survey to parents to learn of any such items left behind. The survey is attached [here](#). Please remember, you do not need to bring library books or chromebooks unless you are not returning to an LPS school in the fall.

Our goal is to have everything in the front of the school so no one needs to enter the school. If for some reason you must enter the school, please know that we will be implementing a strict screening protocol:

- We will be checking everyone for a fever before letting anyone into the building.
 - If your temperature is 100.4 or higher, you will not be permitted to enter the building.
- We will ask if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - Shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat, loss of sense of taste or smell, or muscle aches plus chills
 - If you have any of the symptoms listed, you will not be permitted to enter the building.
- If you have been in close contact with someone that is sick, please do not come to the school.
- If you do not pass the screening, we will work with you to get you the belongings inside the building.

★ Masks are strongly encouraged

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

The Lost & Found will be in the front of the school for you to go through. We ask that one person at a time at the Lost & Found.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be available for viewing on Friday, May 22nd at 3:00 pm.

Distance Learning Information

The District will be providing learning resources for all LPS students to access during the summer. Please be on the lookout for that information very soon.

Updated 20-21 Staffing Information

Spring is always a time of change. We have had some changes in staffing outlined below. We are in the process of interviewing and hiring for the open teaching positions. Hiring is a critically important job and we will do our due diligence to select the very best teachers for Peabody and our students. I will announce those hires as they happen.

Kindergarten (2 sections)

Mrs. Montequin
Mrs. Wilson

Second Grade (3 sections)

Mrs. Gausman
Mr. Olsen
TBD

Fourth Grade (3 sections)

Mrs. Burke
Mrs. Florio (Hester)
Mrs. Amonson

Specials

Mr. DeMarco- PE
Ms. Siriwardana- Art
Mrs. Wyatt- Music
Mr. Davis- COG
Mrs. Johnson- Library

Social Worker

Mrs. Sherman

First Grade (2 sections)

Mrs. Irwin
TBD

Third Grade (2 sections)

Mrs. DeLine
Mrs. VanderVelde

Fifth Grade (3 sections)

Ms. Ryan
Mrs. Sherrill
Mrs. Kennedy/Mrs. Huston

Literacy

Mrs. Kempf

Gifted & Talented

TBD

Health Assistant

Mrs. Yongue

Special Education

Mrs. Souther- Resource
Miss Meskis- Resource/Center-based
Ms. Sheehan- Center-based
Mrs. Zizzo- Psychologist

Mrs. Vitale- SLP
Hilary Maurin- SLP
Carole Johnson- OT
Tammy Prince- COTA

Paraprofessionals

Mrs. DeBaggis
Mrs. Denton
Mrs. Ferguson
Mrs. Stenzel
Mrs. Shimniok

Mrs. Anthamatten
Mrs. Pankoski
Mrs. Deroos
Mrs. Berres
Mrs. Kastanek

Summer 2020

We will be having some work done on our playgrounds this summer! We are getting new playground equipment on both the primary and intermediate playgrounds in addition to improved material to replace the wood chips under the equipment. There will also be work done to resurface the blacktop on the intermediate side of the playground and some cement work. It will be so nice to come back in the fall (fingers crossed) and have a beautiful new playground.

We are also getting new cafeteria furniture. Mrs. Sargent and I had a good laugh as she shared with me that she is pretty sure we have the same tables where she sat when she was a student at Peabody as a kid. I will include pictures in a newsletter in the fall for all to see.

Fall 2020

We do not know what Back to School 2020 will hold. The District is working closely with the Colorado Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Tri-County Health, and other superintendents to determine what will be best for our students, families and staff. Superintendent Ewert will update the LPS community throughout the summer. You can check the District [website](#) for updates as well.

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.arapahoe.gov/1278/Food-Banks>

Access to School Meals

School Closure Meal Information [link](#)

Social-Emotional Support for Students, Families, and Staff

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://coloradocrisiservices.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