

TID-BITS

Congratulations to our scholars, staff and parents for making it through the first week of distance learning! Though there are areas that require some modifications, the overall consensus is the week was successful. Moving forward, we will continue to work on establishing clear and effective educational routines to ensure a smooth deliverance of daily instruction.

Parental Opt - Out Information

It is the expectation that all teachers use Google Classroom for instruction. However, teachers have a choice to use supplemental tools for live video conferencing (Meet or Zoom) and/or video response tools (Screencastify or Flipgrid). The use of these tools is encouraged, but not required. The form is intended to give parents an opportunity to opt-out of the use of supplemental tools. If a parent prefers, the student can choose to “not allow” the video/webcam option on all four of these tools.

Additionally, PGCPs has a business Zoom account, which allows us to limit access to individuals with an @pgcps account. Parents can choose to have their students watch the recorded video if they do not want them to participate in the live lesson. Teachers have been provided training and resources to promote safe and secure use of the other tools, including not making any of them accessible outside the privacy of the teacher’s Google Classroom.

Publicity Message for Parents

While students are learning online, we want to continue to protect them by encouraging a safe and secure learning environment. It is also important to make sure that students are making choices that align with the expectations and policies included in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Therefore, we’ve implemented Go Guardian across our District to monitor students’ online activity when logged into Google Chrome with their PGCPs information. The school’s Principal, and/or appointed designees by the Principal, will be able to review student activity and address inappropriate actions. Go Guardian will be monitoring students’ online activity from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be turned off outside of this established timeframe. **Students are only monitored when they are logged into Chrome with their PGCPs Google Account.** To ensure that only your students’ activity is being monitored, please encourage them to log-in and out of Chrome using [these directions](#). Note: Students who login to a PGCPs Chromebook are automatically logged into Chrome.

We are all striving to provide our scholars with the best education, under the circumstances. Parents play an integral role in this effort, and the staff at DKFI appreciate your partnership. We will make it through this unprecedented event and get back to our normal routines, but for now, we will take it one day at a time.

The school will continue to provide updates as we receive them. Parents we ask that you please provide your teachers with your current contact information, so we can make sure that everyone is able to receive updates.

Thank you,
Administrative Team and Staff



Maryland School closures
extended until:
May 15, 2020.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

During this very uncertain and stressful time, we want to give our families as much support as possible. Though we are unable to do it in person, we hope the links from the American Heart Association and Smart Asset will be helpful. They offer some tips on handling the stress, provide pertinent health information surrounding the Coronavirus, and information on the Stimulus Checks/Package.

<https://www.heart.org/en/coronavirus> **this site also includes a chat line and customer service line (1-800-242-8721).**

Are you finding it difficult to stay motivated to exercise? Do you miss working out in the gym? The following information will provide some tips on exercises you can do at home. <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living>

Here are some useful tips for managing the daily stress you may be experiencing as a result of COVID-19. <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management>

Do you have questions or curiosities about the Stimulus Package. Here is a link that will help to answer them. <https://smartasset.com/financial-advisor/coronavirus-stimulus-package>

