April 17, 2020

Good afternoon families,
We continue to have you all in our thoughts and prayers and ask you to please reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to connect with us at Esperanza Academy.

We would like to share with you some important updates in response to the questions presented by parents during Monday’s Parent Meeting. As always we will continue to provide updates as necessary.

**When will we go back to school and what will the start of school look like? Is there a summer program?**
Esperanza Academy under the leadership of Mr. Taveras, will reopen school when it is best for the community, and will consider the recommendations from public health officials, state and local authorities in the decision making process. When we resume classes we plan to do it gradually and Mr. Taveras will share all the necessary details with families.

Regarding the summer program, we ask you for your patience and flexibility. The school calendar for 2020-2021 is available on the website, but the details of the summer program might change as we continue to consider the developing coronavirus situation.

**How can we keep informed of our daughter’s progress and assignments so we can support them in the Academic Remote Program?**
To see your daughter’s assignments and to see their progress Esperanza has moved from Jupiter to Google Classroom. We will share through Google Classroom assignments and completion of their work.
Parents will receive an invitation from Google Classroom by email. Parents will have the option to receive daily or weekly notifications.

**Where can I see my daughter’s grades and how are teachers grading work?**
Parents can see their daughter’s assignments and completed work through Google Classroom. Guardians will receive an email and select daily or weekly communication.

The Google Classroom Guardian email summaries include:
- **Missing work**—Work that’s late at the time the email was sent
- **Upcoming work**—Work that’s due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that’s due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails)
- **Class activity**—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers
Will my daughter need to repeat a grade?
Students will be promoted to the next grade and not held back because of their academic performance during this trimester at home. At the end of the Term 3 students receive a Pass grade for their classes and an extended comment from each teacher. (Details will follow)

Will there be final exams or any exams when we return to school?
Exams will not take place at year end of the 2019-2020 School Year

How can Esperanza keep connected with our daughters as we continue working remotely?
We understand the importance of human connection, especially at a time when it is most needed due to the anxiety that can accompany uncertainty as we are all experiencing during this difficult situation.

We want to ensure that Esperanza continues to provide opportunities for your daughter’s to remain connected with their teachers, their peers and the community. Here are a few of the multiple ways that we continue to provide through our virtual school experience.

- We start every morning in the Advisory virtual classroom at 9:00 am posting a morning greeting and a Morning Meeting video.
- Teachers are available from 9:00am-3:00pm, offer Office Hours, schedule individual sessions, and coordinate other times to have lunch or connect with their Advisory group.
- Ms. Koskela offers weekly meetings with each class and continues to offer individual sessions.
- Ms. Leggio has Open Studio hours for art class.
- Starting the week of April 27 each grade will hold an Advisory Meeting every day (TBA)

For more information and updates please go to the
- Esperanza Website

We are aware of the individual needs of our families and want to remind you of the resources available for the community.

- Lawrence Food All in One Page Resource Sheets
  - Lawrence Food Resources Sheet - English
  - Lawrence Food Resources Sheet - Spanish

Finally, on Sunday the program MEDIAGIRLS, a program we follow at Esperanza Academy will offer a talk for parents. We recommend this talk as it is very relevant for the current situation.

- April 19, 2020 Virtual Talk with Michelle Cove, Executive Director of MEDIAGIRLS

Wishing you all our best and please stay healthy and safe as we continue taking care of ourselves and each other.