Greetings Lakeside Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! While it may not have been the spring break you had planned, we hope you all have remained safe and healthy during this time. The safety and emotional wellbeing of our students and families are of the utmost importance and central to the work we do daily. As our state has extended the shelter in place and confirmed that schools will be operating under distance learning through the end of the school year, we also need to prepare for end of year report cards. Certainly under these circumstances conducting assessments for the purpose of traditional data gathering needed for reporting will look different and will require parent and teacher collaboration. Assessments (formal and informal) are used to help teachers plan the correct level of support needed for the start of the school year and students will not be penalized or held back as a result. At this point, Lakeside is continuing with a flexible learning approach as we recognize not all families are able to participate in the same way or through the same mediums. While the packets and online resources are “flexible” we will begin monitoring for participation from families to support student learning and assist in developing end of year report cards.

By now all of you have received your second flexible learning packet with 3-6 weeks of materials. In addition to your paper packets, Lakeside teachers are continuing to provide your student with options for accessing digital distance learning opportunities via platforms such as Google Classroom, Google Slides, Seesaw, FLOOP, video links and video conferencing interactions (e.g. Zoom). As teachers expand the opportunities for digital distance learning, more time may be spent establishing virtual classroom expectations, responsibilities and routines allowing for deeper levels of engagement with activities.

While engaging in digital distance learning opportunities students will be held to Lakeside’s 3Bs of behavioral expectations—Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being Responsible. Be sure to review the Digital Distance Learning Expectations and Supports for guidance on increasing successful learning opportunities for students partaking in digital distance learning activities.

Lakeside staff is committed to families in the following areas:

- Individualizing resources based on student and family needs
- Placing connection before content
- Recognizing the level of stress the current COVID-19 pandemic has had on families and communities
- Providing enrichment activities while continuing to support standards based academic progress
Over the next 3 weeks and throughout the remainder of the school year teachers will provide access to any combination of the following resources: recorded mini lessons (frequency and subject area range per grade level), feedback on assignments turned in, weekly class meetups, in addition to other video tutorials direct from publishers. While emailing or uploading finished assignments cannot be mandated during this unprecedented time of school closure, teachers are better able to support your student with your help! Turning in assignments and communicating areas of need help inform teachers’ instruction, increase relevance of lessons assigned and help teachers with monitoring student progress.

Below are a few examples of how your family’s participation can continue to inform teachers of your child’s strengths and areas of need:

- Emailing pictures of finished pages
- Uploading assignments onto Seesaw, FLOOP, Google Classroom
- Attempting or completing the suggested checklist of activities and emailing pictures
- Communicating and informing teachers during scheduled office hours
- Setting up individualized forms of communication with your teacher

As California Governor, Gavin Newsom explained, “While schools must be physically closed, class is still in session.”

Your Lakeside staff recognize even with the newest and brightest technology devices available in the home, living in the mountains provides its own barriers to equitable connectivity. Please keep in mind the digital distance learning opportunities and flexible learning packets by no means replace or compare to the traditional school setting and we applaud all efforts families make in keeping students connected to their learning. If you have any challenges with internet access please note Lakeside serves as a local hotspot for our district residents. We are also able to provide families with access to digital learning devices such as computer laptops and iPads as needed. Please do not hesitate to ask!

Your continued patience and support continue to be our well of strength and motivation in this time. We look forward to the time where we can all come together in community and celebrate as one. #alonetogether

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