

April 1, 2020

Dear Andersen Families,

This has been a week of firsts. First, we rolled out distant learning to our community. We know there are growing pains as we navigate through this. Thank you to the families who were able to come pick up packets along with using the online resources to enrich student learning during the time. Next, we found out Governor Ducey and Superintendent Hoffman have closed schools for the remainder of the school year. This news was devastating for the staff here at Andersen, but we know the safety of our community comes first. I am sure you have many questions and as information continues to come out from the state and district level we want to make sure our families have the most up to date information.

We want our families to know, just because our building is closed, our Andersen staff continues to be available for our students and community. We will continue to show up every single day to ensure our kids know we love and miss them. We will continue to provide curriculum support and find creative ways to enrich students' learning and stay connected to our families. We are here until the last day of school in May and our students and families are our number one priority.

Week 2 packets will be available for pickup beginning Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Packets will be divided by grade level. Please pull up to the front of the school to gather your packet. There will also be a box for students in a specialized classroom. If you have completed packets please feel free to take a picture and send to your child's teacher. They would love to see the work students are completing and will be able to offer feedback and offer assistance on completed work. Along with week 2 work, we will also have 250 Firehouse subs to hand out to families. We will give one sub per child in the car. A HUGE thank you to Firehouse for this amazing donation to the Andersen community. Please remember CUSD is also handing out free meals for all kids 18 and under at Andersen Junior High every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Staff is currently developing a plan for families to obtain their students' items from the classroom. This includes contents from the desk along with student workbooks. Kids will be able to work from their actual workbook rather than picking up weekly packets. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming week.

As you navigate the curriculum resources please continue to reach out to teachers for support and assistance. Teachers are also looking for creative ways to engage with our students. Continue to send us pictures of what your new normal looks like. Seeing the kids puts a smile on our faces. We will continue to send out information, update our website and post on our school Facebook page. We miss you Andersen Astronauts. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

*Kristin Kinghorn*

Principal