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Re: Distance Learning to begin for students

Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

Tomorrow, April 1, 2020, the District's Distance Learning will begin for students.

For the past two weeks, students have been able to participate in voluntary educational enrichment activities using the Chromebook computers that were sent home. Beginning tomorrow formal lessons prepared by your child's teacher will be made available in a virtual classroom format known as Distance Learning.

The goal of Distance Learning:

- The goal is to provide your child with structured learning during this school dismissal that builds on what they have been learning this school year. Although a virtual classroom may be different than a traditional classroom, it is still important to create a daily routine for your child to help them focus and encourage them to participate as much as possible.

Communicating with staff for support:

- You can communicate with your child's teacher through district email, your child's AESD student email, by leaving a message on the school phone, or through the Google Classroom and SeeSaw applications. Your child's teacher will be your best resource in accessing Distance Learning lesson plans. As usual, you can also contact your child's principal through district email if you need additional support.

How to log-in to begin Distance Learning:

- Log-in to your child's account on the student portal (www.myacsd.us)
- Click on the icon for Seesaw or Google Classroom, as indicated by your child's teacher (Note: First-time users must enter the 'join code' provided by the teacher.)
- Click on your child's teacher classroom to access.

Please note that next week is the District's scheduled Spring Break and during that time there won't be Distance Learning, but it will begin again on Tuesday, April 14.

These days have brought many unexpected changes to our daily routines and a lot of uncertainty. We encourage you to have age-appropriate conversations with your child about the situation that we are living and why it's important to stay home and stay healthy. Also, consider sharing with your child that difficult times often bring the opportunity to be kinder, show compassion, and discover strengths that we didn't know we had. Let your child know that their teachers, their principals, and all of the adults at their schools miss them and look forward to seeing them back at school as soon as it is safe for all of us to return.

Kind regards,

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