

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

Most of you probably have heard from our Superintendent, Susana Cordova, that Denver Public Schools will engage in remote learning and will not convene for face to face learning for the rest of the school year. This means, schools are ordered to cancel all activities and events (GRADUATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED). This news is extremely saddening and frustrating; yet, we know the decision was made with the health and safety of all of us at the forefront. During this time of uncertainty, frustration, and isolation, we need to lean on each as a community to find strength and hope.

COMMUNITY IS OUR STRENGTH; therefore, in our JFK Remote Learning plan, we have devised several ways to connect with you, and to help you connect with each other throughout the week. On Tuesday of this week, we will begin remote learning with a kick off video from me and members of our Leadership Team. This video will be emailed to your DPS emails, posted on our website, and pushed out through Schoology, and will help you to prepare for the week. During a typical week you can connect with teachers, students, and staff by:

1. **Mondays** -- Google Meet Advisory meeting -- *your advisor will send you the meeting invite and times by the end of this week. These meetings start the week of 4/13.*
2. **Wednesdays** -- Commander Check In -- *JFK Staff and members of Student Council will create a Commander Check in video to update you on important information and on the #Anchor Fun Challenge for the week.*
3. **Fridays**-- Your teachers will grade your work and provide feedback, if you do not turn your work in at the end of each week (by Thursday 4PM), a member of the JFK staff will call you to make sure you are okay and have access to the learning.
4. **Mondays through Thursdays** -- your teachers will host office hours to answer your questions and provide instruction; our mental health providers and counselors will be available by appointment, and your Admin will be available by email or phone any weekday from 8am to 4pm.

Information about our JFK Remote Learning plan is found on our website (jfk.dpsk12.org), and you can find your student and family guidance document [here](#). **Check your email and Schoology everyday!**

I also want to celebrate two more HUGE accomplishments that I was informed of last week: CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Tran who was accepted into Columbia University, is a finalist for the Questbridge scholarship, and has already received four other scholarships. Jadelyn London Brown is the recipient of the highly competitive Denver Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter Scholarship. We are so proud of the both of you!!! #GoCommanders! Students, please continue to email me and your teachers when you receive accolades and scholarships! We want to celebrate you!

SENIORS!!!! I know this situation is hitting you the hardest! Stay strong and stay connected! If you are failing a class, reach out to your teachers and counselors for support, if you are in Edgenuity, reach out to Nick Engleman for questions. Know that I have been connecting with many parents and staff members to plan an amazing end of the year for you, regardless of this situation of social distancing. **If you have ideas for celebrating the class of 2020, enter them [here](#).** As of now, **graduation has been postponed, not canceled.**

If you have QUESTIONS, please enter them on this [Google Form](#) which will be posted to the website for you to access as questions arise.

With LOVE and Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Your Proud Principal
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS:

- **MEETING YOUR BASIC NEEDS**

- Information for Grab and Go Meal Centers found [here](#)
- **If you need immediate Mental Health support** please call 1-877-542-7233 or visit <https://safe2tell.org/> which will provide an anonymous way to help someone who is struggling or hurting.
- If you are inquiring about DPS free medical clinics during the extended break: [Denver Health at Lincoln High School](#)

- **TECH NEEDS**

- If you still need a Chromebook and have not yet made arrangements with a JFK Staff member, you can go to Lincoln HS or Valverde Elementary School on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10:30am to 1pm to pick up a Chromebook and a charger.
- [Link to Comcast's offer for FREE INTERNET for two months to low income households](#)
- Technology related problem? Call 720.423.3163 (English & Spanish)

- **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

- If you are reporting confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and/or have questions about COVID-19, please visit the [DPS Corona Virus](#) page.

List of ONLINE Learning Sites

- [Industry Chats Online](#) -- learn about different professional pathways here
- <https://www.wilbooks.com/wilbooks-free-resources>
- Over 25 different online learning platforms for HS students found [here](#)
- Free ebooks found [here](#)
- 10 great FREE websites for HS students found [here](#)
- http://www.openculture.com/free_k-12_educational_resources
- Amazing [LIST](#) of educational resources
- [Khan Academy Learning Schedules](#)

ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)

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P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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