

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and the start of Senior Month! Although we cannot be together physically, we can show our love, gratitude, and support from one another virtually. Send your teachers emails of appreciation and/or film a 30 second or less video in which you express your gratitude. Send the clips to laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org and she will create one Teacher Appreciation video to send to all teachers.

Seniors! I know this time is incredibly challenging for you! Your circumstances are not fair, but we are here for you and want to show you love and recognition. May is SENIOR MONTH, and you will receive special treats sporadically throughout the month. This week, each of you will receive a personalized Yard Sign to celebrate your graduation! The JFK Teachers and Staff are organizing the drop off to your residence this week. We will call you to verify your home address prior to the drop off. We cannot wait to celebrate you this month!!!

With LOVE and Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Your Proud Principal
tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org

UPDATES FOR THE WEEK:

- ★ **Teacher Appreciation Week** is THIS WEEK!!! Please email your teachers and express your gratitude. WE ALSO NEED STUDENTS TO FILM a short video clip (30 seconds or less) in which you tell your teachers how much you appreciate them. Email your clips to Laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org and she will create one teacher appreciation video to be shared with your teachers.
- ★ Update from the Future Center:
 - SENIORS! Please fill out this [Senior Exit Survey](#) from the Future Center! This is how we will determine if and how we can support you over the summer, this IS part of the requirements needed for Senior Check out, so get it done as soon as possible!
 - JUNIORS! Keep an eye out for the Junior Virtual College Tour happening this Thursday! Sign up on the Class of 2021 Schoology group!
- ★ Edgenuity updates:
 - The Senior deadline for "100%" completion is May 15.
 - Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen must reach "100%" completion by May 22nd.
 - If by May 22, Seniors are still not at "100%", Mr. Englemant will send their progress for review to the implementation team.
 - "In cases where a student **does not complete their CR or OC course**, but a teacher still feels like they should receive course credit, the teacher must provide a written statement supporting their belief that the student should earn credit. The attestation should also be accompanied by documentation or evidence that shows a concerted effort on behalf of the student to complete the course, and having gained skills and knowledge."

- ★ Class of 2021 and 2022 -- Interested in becoming a Link Crew Leader?
 1. View the introductory video in your advisory meeting this Monday.
 2. Complete this online application - **Due by May 8th** → <https://tinyurl.com/JFKLinkApplication>
 3. Keep a lookout for an email in your school account for our first virtual meeting on **May 15th** and save the date in advance! Email Mrs. Sarlo crystal_sarlo@dpsk12.org or Mrs. Pineda ibonne_pineda@dpsk12.org if you have any questions.

- ★ If you have any items that are essential to meeting your basic needs over the next few months, please contact Ryan Aichele, our Dean of Operations, at ryan_aichele@dpsk12.org as he is beginning to plan how families can pick up these items. You will need to give him your student ID, name, locker number, and a description of the item(s). We are only planning to distribute items that are essential to meeting your basic needs at this time. If you are a Senior, you will receive your locker items at Senior Check Out.

- ★ Athletics Senior Nights -- You will receive information from Mr. Brewer regarding details of the recognition events:
 - 5/4 Monday- Tennis
 - 5/5 Tuesday- Baseball
 - 5/6 Wednesday- Soccer
 - 5/7 Thursday- Track

Important Upcoming Dates

Month of May -- Senior Month!

5/15 -- Last Day for **Seniors** to turn in assignments

5/20 - 5/21 - Senior Check Out Dates

5/22 -- Last day for non-Senior students to turn in assignments

5/28 -- VIRTUAL Graduation Ceremony

Summer Internships -- a message from Ms. Aragon

Due to the COVID-19 virus, our CareerConnect department has been working diligently to offer summer remote internships. We are hopeful there will be some opportunities, so please stay tuned!

The Aerospace Academy has been CANCELLED and we hope to offer it next summer. FYI- the Summer Internship program will be remote with a few in-person positions. Originally, the Internship program was scheduled to begin on June 8, but due to the COVID-19 virus, the program dates changed to July 6 to August 7, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, we are unsure of the number of positions that will be available, especially for the MedConnect students. Please note: If there are more student applicants than internship positions, the application process will be competitive. I sent a parent/guardian survey directly to those students who completed their application and who attended Part 1 of the Skills Training Young Professionals conference. If you did not receive my email please email anne_aragon@dpsk12.net, or call, text my Google number 720-460-9239. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Summer Remote Internship Dates: If our summer remote internship program is approved our start date will be Monday, July 6, to Friday, August 7. We appreciate your patience as we work through this trying time. If you have any questions please feel free to email Mrs. Aragon at anne_aragon@dpsk12.org. My Google phone number is 720-460-9239. Thank you!

Grading Guidance

READ THE [DOCUMENT LINKED HERE](#) CAREFULLY FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

JFK Relief Fund

Many of you have reached out regarding hardships you are overcoming as well as personal losses you have experienced during the pandemic. In order to be a support for our families in need, we have put together a Go Fund Me to pay for food baskets and other relief items. Follow this link to [donate](#) to Commander families who need the support of our community to make ends meet and stay healthy during this tough time. On the flip side, if you are in need, email Tiffany Almon at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org to indicate your need and we will do whatever we can to help you out, while keeping your situation private.

Counseling Center Updates:

Counselors are available for appointments through Setmore: <https://jfkcounseling.setmore.com/>

Check out our School Counseling and Mental Health Team [website](#) for more information.

[JFK Counseling Resources Click Here](#)

[JFK Mental Health Resources Click Here](#)

SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

Seniors, we know that the culmination of your k-12 education is going nowhere near to plan, and our hearts and love go out to each of you as you navigate the wave of emotions and challenges this time brings. The Commander Community is planning some fun and memorable moments for you as your Senior year comes to a close. We know that these events and tokens are nothing compared to ending your Senior year TOGETHER, but we hope they bring you joy and help you see how special you are and how proud we are of you.

- ★ SENIOR GRADUATE YARD SIGNS -- your personalized Senior Yard Signs are in production and will be ready for delivery or pick up soon!
- ★ SENIOR SHOUT OUTS -- Follow this [link](#) to shout out a Senior on our webpage and Instagram page. We'd love to shout out every Senior between now and the end of the year!
- ★ Special commemorative Senior keepsakes will be delivered or available for pick up in mid May with the Senior Pics, Yearbooks, and Caps and Gowns.
- ★ DAY OF GRADUATION -- we will have a special online celebration and ceremony planned.
- ★ FUTURE IN-PERSON CEREMONY -- to be determined as soon as it is safe to convene.
- ★ We will be honoring our senior student-athletes during the week of May 4th. Please be on the lookout for videos and posts from our coaches during that time frame.
- ★ We will be hosting a virtual signing day for Cruz Ortega, more details to come!
- ★ Senior Announcements will be shipped directly to families' homes. We do not have a date, but are working with Balfour to make this happen asap.

FAQs

What about Senior Check Out? We will create a detailed plan shortly regarding Senior check out and share asap.

How do I receive my Senior Pictures and Cap and Gown?

We are creating Senior packages to be safely distributed to Seniors with all items you've already purchased as well as some special treats. Details coming.

When will Graduation be rescheduled?

We will reschedule Graduation as soon as it is safe to reconvene as larger groups. We are planning something special virtually for the day Graduation was originally planned on **5/28**. Stay tuned for details.

Can I still buy a cap and gown? Yes, contact Laurentz Gilmore at laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org

Can I get the personal items I left in my locker?

If you have any items that are essential to meeting your basic needs over the next few months, please contact Ryan Aichele, our Dean of Operations, at ryan_aichele@dpsk12.org as he is beginning to plan how families can pick up these items. You will need to give him your student ID, name, locker number, and a description of the item(s). We are only planning to distribute items that are essential to meeting your basic needs at this time. If you are a Senior, you will receive your locker items at Senior Check Out.

I still don't understand how this works!

You can find all the information you need for Remote Learning under the remote learning tab on our website jfk.dpsk12.org, you can access the Student Guidance doc [here](#).

How do I get on track during remote learning?

Contact your counselor to determine ways to get back on track through Edgenuity. We will be hosting a Junior Class Meeting virtually and will send out details soon.

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, and a staff member will reach out to you via text or email with an answer.

REMINDERS and Celebrations:

- **The Future Center is hosting Office Hours you can sign up on the Schoology group for Seniors, or [HERE](#) for Ms. Emily and [HERE](#) for Ms. Ambria.**
 - The DSF application is STILL Open!! All [eligible](#) students still can apply!
- **Huge shout out to the following students who received scholarships (contact us if you earn a scholarship, we want to celebrate you!):**
 - Claudia Loya received the Inspired Leaders CORE scholarship from Regis, which is a full tuition scholarship!
 - Jaylantis London Brown received the 4 - year Denver Alumnae Chapter Scholarship. She was also recently recognized as a Sachs Foundation Scholar.
 - Brian Tran was accepted to Columbia, Georgetown and UCD BSMD program which provides a clear path to CU Denver Anschutz school of medicine from an undergrad degree.
 - Krist Tran was also accepted to Cal Berkeley in their Chemistry Program.
 - Tam Nguyen is a Daniels Scholar receiving a full ride for all 4 years to her choice of CSU
 - Jocelyn Gonzalez is a Boettcher Scholar also receiving a full ride to CU Boulder to study Architecture.
 - Thuy (Suzie) Pham received the Musical Scholarship from Regis, which gives her a monetary reward and offers her free lessons in any instrument of her choice while at school. She auditioned on drums.
- **Ways we will take attendance and build community during remote learning --**
 1. **Mondays** -- Google Meet Advisory meeting -- *your advisor will send you the meeting invite and times by the end of this week.*
 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 the following Monday.
 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!

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 please contact rick_brewer@dpsk12.org
 - **[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.

ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)

Commanders Show P.R.I.D.E.

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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