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Dear NDMA Family,

When Distance Learning begins next Monday, March 30th, please note that we will continue to follow our school calendar. If Distance Learning continues into April, for example, there will be no Distance Learning on Friday, April 10th (Good Friday) or Monday, April 13th (Easter Monday). We will send reminders/updates along the way as this continues to evolve.

Distance Learning plans will be posted to our website Monday, March 30th. I know many of you are anxious to begin, but we have been told to delay posting details until Monday. I think you will find the plans easy to navigate. Also, please note that Teachers and Administrators will be available to answer your questions along the way.

We started delivering student belongings today. We will continue to do so through the end of the week. We will not begin delivering learning materials for Distance Learning until next Monday. We are not certain yet if we will be delivering the learning materials with the meals, or if they will be delivered separately. Please stay tuned. We will likely deliver one week's worth of materials at a time. We will share details when we get closer to Monday's delivery.

If you do not have a technology device (iPad, Chromebook, laptop) at home, please contact your child's teacher. We may be able to help. Your child's teacher will explain the process for borrowing a device. Do NOT contact your child's teacher if your family has a device – even if everyone in your family must share the same device. Also, please contact your child's teacher if you do not have internet connectivity at home. Please note, if you have a data plan for a smartphone, you may be able to use the hotspot feature to provide internet access for an iPad, Chromebook or laptop. Most area internet providers are providing 60 to 90 days free internet service for families during this time. It is up to you to contact your provider to set something up.



Thank you to all who have sent photos of your toilet paper and paper towel core projects. It has been a joy to see you display your creativity. I would encourage others to share your photos with me this week. Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to do their projects. You are amazing!

Here are a couple of additional resources you may wish to access:

- <https://healthpoweredkids.org/>, A collection of activities to help young people make healthy eating, exercise and life choices
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-every-elementarymiddle-student-needs-to-know-about-the-coronavirus-tickets-99881837264>, A webinar designed for elementary and middle school children and their families to share what you need to know about the Coronavirus. You must select a date to view the webinar. I am confident they will be adding dates as events fill up.

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