



# ROOTS OF THE COMMUNITY:

Important News



Dear MSD Community,

On Monday, April 20, Governor Polis announced that he was officially closing schools for the remainder of the school year due to COVID-19. I am very sad that we will not be able to return to campus and I know that I'm not alone in that sentiment! I am also happy that we are all safe and know that we have bright times ahead, whether at home or at school.

We will continue our distance learning and continue to enhance this work based on your feedback on our own ever-growing skills. We are in the midst of creating a new, private, online community platform for us to connect, post work, and also share community news. I am very excited about this and once you see it I think you will be too! The platform we have found has no ads, is secure, will allow for a common place for teachers to post assignments and work suggestions, a safe place for students to share work, and a virtual campus where you can connect with other parents, set up playdates, see MSD news and announcements, and find other support as needed. You will be getting an individual email invitation to join this closed MSD network next week, so stay tuned! We have also starting making optional "to-go" materials for Toddler through Lower Elementary students for you to pick-up at MSD on a regular basis, following strict guidelines on distancing and disinfecting. We will be sending out more information about these "to-go" packets by program level soon.

We expect that the Governor will make an announcement regarding Summer Camp in the next two weeks. At that time, we will inform you of what MSD will be doing in June and July, based on the Governor's decision for our state.

As far as graduation and other year-end celebrations, we continue to have a mandate to not gather in groups over 10 so we are busy thinking of dynamic, creative ways to honor our 8th graders and rising students within distancing and gathering constraints. I look forward to sharing these plans soon.

Please be in touch with [me](#), your child's teacher, the Education Directors, or [Dagmar](#) in the Business Office if you need any assistance or have questions. I

wish you and your family continued good health and look forward to our return to campus together.

All my best,

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