



Superintendent's Office

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Dear WESD Family,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this fluid situation. We have some updates this week regarding:

- Resources for families;
- A change to the Grab and Go breakfast and lunch program;
- Chromebook dissemination;
- Field trip refunds;
- KidSpace information
- Athletics

Resources for Families

We know that many of our families are struggling during these challenging times. The Web site, **arizonatogether.org**, provides many resources for families including mental health, employment, financial assistance, community resources and options for Internet access, to name a few.

The Web site, **211arizona.org** also provides resources for families including clothing, housing, health and dental, support groups and family services. The WESD Social Services Department, including school social workers, are available remotely through email, available on school Web sites, and will be checking voicemail regularly if you need assistance.

Grab and Go Meal Program Change

Since the Grab and Go program began March 23, we have provided more than 101,325 meals to our WESD community. We know that many rely on this service and we enjoy seeing students and families daily. However, for the health and safety of our families and Nutrition Services staff, the Grab and Go program will be available once a week. Students will continue to receive five breakfasts and five lunches. **There will be no food distribution on Monday, April 13. Beginning Tuesday, April 14, meals will be provided every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the 13 locations listed below.**

If you have questions about the Grab and Go Meal Program, please email Nicole Augustine at Nicole.augustine@wesdschools.org or call 602-896-5240.

- Starting Tuesday, April 14, meals will be distributed every **Tuesday**. Students will be provided with five (5) breakfasts and (5) lunches at this time.
- The offerings will be served in larger portions (for example, milk will be in gallons) and will include items that need to be refrigerated and frozen items that can be reheated.
- Food bags will have enough food for the number of children in each family.
- The items will be delivered in large grocery bags.
- Families who drive through the pickup line should have their trunks open and cleared out so they can place the bags inside.
- Families who walk are encouraged to bring a wagon or cart.

Acacia Elementary	3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Cholla Middle School	3120 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Desert View Elementary	8621 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Maryland School	6503 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015
Mountain View School	801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Ocotillo Elementary	3225 W. Ocotillo, Phoenix, AZ 85017
Orangewood School	7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Richard E. Miller Elementary	2021 W. Alice, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Roadrunner Elementary	7702 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051
Shaw Butte Elementary	12202 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Sunnyslope School	245 E. Mountain View Road, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Sunset Elementary	4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302
Washington Elementary	8033 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051

Chromebook Pickup

Last week, we began providing grade-level packets online and offered an opportunity for paper packet pick up. Additionally, students have been meeting with their teachers using Google Meet either online or by calling in. We know that participating in these opportunities has been challenging for families who do not have a device or access to Internet. To help with devices, we will distribute one Chromebook to families with students in kindergarten through eighth grade who do not have one at home.

Chromebooks will be available to borrow for the duration of the school year. Due to a limited number of devices and, to provide devices for more households, **each family will be limited to one device. In order to use the device, families must have Internet access.** There are several Internet providers offering low cost packages. Options are listed below.

Chromebook distribution will take place Wednesday, April 15.

- Families with more than one child, **should pick up a device at the school where their OLDEST child is enrolled.**
- The device must be picked up by the parent or legal guardian.



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- The parent/legal guardian must present an ID and contact information will be verified.
- **Please bring a pen or pencil to write with.**
- The parent/legal guardian will sign an agreement prior to receiving the device.
- If possible, bring your child's student ID.
- The device is on loan and will be required to be returned at a later date.

To ensure the health and safety of all, families will be asked to remain in their car or keep a safe distance of six feet if walking to pick up (CDC guidelines). Please anticipate some wait time.

Assigned Distribution Times by Last Name

Date	Time	Last Names
April 15	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	A thru B
April 15	8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	C thru D
April 15	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	E thru G
April 15	10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	H thru K
April 15	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	L
April 15	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	M
April 15	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	N thru Q
April 15	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	R
April 15	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	S
April 15	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	T thru Z

Internet Options:

Cox

Cox Hotspot Network is open to the public. Here is a map of **hotspots** <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/learn/cox-hotspots.html> in the area. Cox is offering two free months to Connect2Compete (C2C) eligible students. C2C does not have a contract nor installation charge. For more information about this program, check with your school social worker.

Comcast

Comcast offers free Internet to those who qualify during the COVID-19 pandemic. See **announcement** (<https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>).

CenturyLink

CenturyLink - Will waive late fees and will not terminate a residential or small business customer's service for the next 60 days due to financial circumstances associated with COVID-19. See **CenturyLink Pledge** (<https://news.centurylink.com/fccpledge>).

Field trips refunds

All field trips for the remainder of the year have been cancelled. The WESD is currently working with vendors and schools to determine a process for field trip refunds. We thank you for your patience. We will share more information as soon as a process is finalized.

KidSpace Information

If your child was enrolled in the KidSpace Spring Break program March 17-20, your account was credited. The credit has been transferred to your home school account.

We are currently enrolling for KidSpace Summer camp; however, the start date is contingent upon the Governor's stay at home order. If you would like to register, please scan and email all summer registration forms to: kidspacecontracts@wesdschools.org and pay online through Revtrak. Forms are available here. If the start of summer camp is delayed, families will not be billed for weeks that services are unavailable.

Athletics

With the closure of schools extended through the end of the school year, all spring sports are unfortunately cancelled.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unique time. If you have any questions, please email wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2600.

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul Stanton
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