



March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear ISA families,

Last week, our administration team watched the evolution of the COVID-19 crisis and we monitored the situation and options. In consultation with the board of directors, we decided that with an abundance of caution, it was in everyone's best interest to close the school **effective March 16<sup>th</sup> through at least March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Many families and staff travelled over the break and we did not want to take a chance concerning everyone's health and wellbeing. As well, we are following the guidelines set out by our local and national authorities and we will continue to communicate with county and state officials to determine our ongoing response to the outbreak and planning additional steps, if necessary, to ensure a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

On Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, our staff will assemble to learn about our plan for e-learning or distance learning. Each teacher from PK4 to the 8th grade will be responsible for posting work, assignments, videos, quizlets, and more. These teachers will post each day and will let you know when to expect the next lessons. I do not believe that it is realistic to post anything for PK1-PK3 at this point, though teachers will be given the options.

If you have ordered school lunches from either My Hot LunchBox and/or Something Special Meals, they will be canceled, and those meals will be credited to your account for the dates of March 16<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup>.

All after-school activities have also been cancelled until March 27th at a minimum.

We anticipate a return to school on Monday, March 30th, however I will be sending you updates and personal videos that I would like you to show to your children. I will send upbeat hello's and encouragement so that the children understand that they are also responsible for their part in learning during this very odd period. The children will be encouraged to send back videos which I will then post for all to see. This will keep them from feeling isolated because two weeks is a very long time for most of them.

Once again, I thank you for your understanding and hope that each one of you are keeping well and have plenty of supplies at home!

Best Regards,

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