



Torrance Unified School District
LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Re: DISTANCE LEARNING

Dear Parents and Guardians of Distance Learning Students,

We are almost ready to kick off the 2020-21 school year! With about two weeks left until school starts, I will be sending updates with important information and reminders as details become available. Also, make sure to check for emails being sent directly from TUSD, as these will include district wide logistical information regarding the upcoming school year.

Please make sure you log in to PowerSchool and update your contact information to assure you receive all of the communications being sent out. If you need assistance with accessing PowerSchool, please email Lincoln's school secretary, Tammy Nakanishi, at nakanishi.tammy@tusd.org.

Important Dates

Yesterday, Monday, August 10th, you received an important TUSD email with program information. This notice will also have necessary technological information that your student will need to connect with his/her teacher on the first day of school.

Distance Learning Program- Having selected Distance Learning for your child(ren), you should have received confirmation of this on Monday, August 10th. Students should be available for distance learning from 9:00-3:00 M, T, Th & F. Specific schedules & small group instruction times will be determined and communicated at a later date. Information for instruction on Wednesday is listed below. Here are [sample schedules](#) for the Distance Learning Program.

Families have asked about a homeschool option. We may have a solution for you. For students who can work independently and are academically at or above grade level, Home Based Independent Study (HBIS) will allow parents to act as the learning coach and work through the district's curriculum at your own weekly pace. Please see the [FAQs](#) for this program and feel free to reach out to me if you would like more information.

The Wednesday Schedule- The Distance Learning program will include whole class lessons from 9:00-10:00. Flag assemblies, grade level virtual and schoolwide special events will be planned on Wednesdays in addition to asynchronous learning.

Additional schedule information will be sent to all families ASAP. Currently, P.E., music and enrichment opportunities are being scheduled during asynchronous learning times.

Chromebook Check Out- If your student needs a device, Chromebooks will be available for check out for home learning. Dates for pick-up will be forthcoming as we are attempting to coordinate this effort with the grade level materials distribution days being planned.

Tuesday, August 18th @ 4 p.m.- Join a Principal Zoom Q & A to discuss Lincoln's Blended and Distance Learning Programs among other topics. (Safety protocols and returning to school will be discussed at a later date when it is deemed safe for students & staff to return to campus).

Here is the Zoom link for the Principal Q & A session.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81215842391?pwd=YzBjdEIMcXpzc1YrUGJyUXEraVhWQT09>

Wednesday, August 26th is the First Day of School! Students will log in to meet their teachers and classmates! The Lincoln Staff and I cannot wait to begin this memorable school year.

The Future Is Ours is an appropriate PTA Theme for the 2020-2021 school year. One of my favorite inspirational quotes is ***"In times of change, the learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."*** – Eric Hoffer

I am hopeful and optimistic about the upcoming school year because I know the Lincoln community will work together to achieve the common goal of instructional excellence, enrichment and meaningful experiences for all of our Lincoln Lions. Please continue to stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

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