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Greetings parents and students:

First, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all well during these unprecedented times. While our school is physically closed, please know that members of the Painted Hills Middle School learning community are all here to support you and your family during these difficult times.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information related to the following topics, so you know what to expect between now and the end of the current school year:

· *Distance learning schedule for all PHMS students*

· *Technology support*

· *Updating family contact information*

Distance Learning Schedule for all PHMS Students

Due to the fact that schools are closed for the remainder of the current school year, all students will be participating in online learning using their Chrome book device. All teachers at Painted Hills Middle School have already reached out to their students regarding their expectations around distance learning. The expectation is that ALL Painted Hills Middle School students are actively participating in distance learning using a variety of different communication platforms. Depending on your child's teacher these may include Zoom online meetings, Google classroom, Google Hangout online meetings, etc. Please review the enclosed newsletter from our school counselors regarding opportunities for student and family support.

Below is the distance learning schedule that all students are expected to participate in beginning the week of Monday May 4, 2020. Should you have any questions regarding this schedule please contact your child's teacher via email.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (office hours)	Thursday	Friday
9:30am-10:30am	Period 1	Period 2	Periods 1 & 2	Period 1	Period 2
10:45am-11:45am	Period 3	Period 4	Periods 3 & 4	Period 3	Period 4
12:30pm-1:30pm	Period 5	Period 6	Periods 5 & 6	Period 5	Period 6
2:00pm-3:00pm	Office Hours by appointment with teachers				

Technology Support

Palm Springs Unified School District has set up drop off and pick up locations at the high schools should you need to replace a Chromebook device, pick up a hot-spot to provide internet access, or complete a device repair. The schedule for these Technology Depots is below for your reference. Please remember to take your student ID with you when visiting one of these locations. Should you need support regarding any technology related issue please email MSHelp@psusd.us

PSUSD Technology Depot Schedule

School	Day of Week	Dates	Times	Location
Desert Hot Springs High School	Tuesdays	4/21 and 4/28	9:30am-11:00am	Upper parking lot
Cathedral City High School	Wednesdays	4/22 and 4/29	9:30am-11:00am	Admin parking lot
Palm Springs High School	Thursdays	4/23 and 4/30	9:30am-11:00am	Family engagement parking lot
PSUSD District Office	Fridays	4/24 and 5/1	9:30am-11:00am	District Office Frontage road

Updating family contact information

While students are engaging in distance learning from home it is important that the school has your current contact information including your current address, phone number, and email address. All information related to distance learning and the current school closures will be sent via auto-dialer message using your telephone number, via PeachJar using your email address, or via US mail using your address. If you need to update your contact information please send an email to our school registrar- Mrs. Cervantes using the following email address: rcervantes@psusd.us. In your email please state your child's name and be sure to provide accurate updated contact information.

Should you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact me directly at mgrainger@psusd.us. Please know that we are all here to help each other through this current COVID-19 pandemic and we WILL get through this together.

Kindest regards,

Michael J Grainger

Painted Hills Middle School Principal