

CRA Newsletter, 3-25-2020

We hope all our students and their families are doing well as we continue the school closure for another month. This is a very unique situation that we all going through together, even though we have to stay apart. Please know that we are thinking of all our students and look forward to the time when we can all be back together again at school. We know this is a difficult time for many of you, but we hope you are staying healthy and well.

Distance Learning

Teachers are working hard to make sure that distance learning can continue. In light of the current situation, our school building will be restricted to essential staff only. Teachers that choose to leave materials for students will have them ready this Friday for pick up, March 27th or Monday, March 30th. (Some teachers may not have materials ready until Monday the 30th – please look for an email from the teacher to confirm when their materials are ready before coming to the school.) Because the building will be off limits and front doors will be locked, materials will be outside the front doors on tables. We encourage you as before, to pick them up quickly and return home without gathering to interact with others. As before, please arrive by last name between the following times:

A-G 9:00-10:00, H-L 10:00-11:00, M-S 11:00-12:00 and T-Z 12:00-1:00.

If these times are inconvenient, then come when possible, but between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00. Materials that haven't been picked up by Monday, March 30 at 1:00 P.M. will not be available for pickup again, so please make arrangements with a friend if you are unable to pick them up yourself. Exceptions will not be made for parents to enter the building at other times so that we can be in compliance with state guidelines.

Specialty class teachers have also been preparing information that families may access on our CRA website. In the Quicklinks section, under "Class Websites" you will find instruction helps, links and videos from:

Susan Garrett, Computer Teacher

Katina Temme, School Social Worker

Susan Swidnicki, Music, Core Knowledge Teacher

Marilee Evans, Music Teacher

Melinda Sorensen, PE Teacher

Leisha Black, Art Teacher for 1st, 3rd & 5th Grade

Chrissy Richards, Art Teacher for 2nd, 4th & 6th Grade

Erin Payne, Orchestra Teacher

Grace Edwards, Band Teacher

We appreciate the efforts of not only our classroom teachers, but from our Specialty Class Teachers as well as our "village" works together to provide an educational experience for our students. Please check out the information from your child's specialty class teachers on our website.

Student Emails

Parents, please make sure that your student is not using their school email to email other students.

Computer agreements signed at the beginning of the year limit student emails for school work only, not for personal use.

Plans Changing?

Even though we are not in a regular school setting right now, we are still preparing for next year's enrollment. If your family has plans to move over the summer, or your plans have changed and your student will not be attending CRA next year, please let us know ASAP. Even though we don't want to lose any of our students, we continue to invite new students as we have space. Please email Shawnette Abraham, sabraham@canyonrimacademy.org if your student won't be returning next fall.

Kindergarten for Next Fall

If you have a Kindergarten student that will be joining us next fall, we will be sending out an email next week about registration materials that we will need for your student. Because this month is a bit different and we can't see you at the school, we will be asking you to send records over email if possible. Watch next week for more information.





Cookin' at Canyon Rim (or NOT!)

Oh, how we are missing seeing your cute smiling faces in the lunchroom! (Kids as well as adults!)






Thinking of you all, and wondering....






Are you eating salubrious foods?? Lots of good fruits and vegetables?    Not so much of the sweets?? 



how about getting the right amount of sleep and exercise?   And beautiful sunshine?? 



and of course lots and lots of handwashing?  And not touching your face?? 

Here's a great video by Mark Rober that show how germs are so easily spread. He's got some other fascinating ones as well if you're bored and want to learn! 

<https://youtu.be/I5-dI74zxPg>

Stay well and enjoy your time at home!!



your CRA kitchen friends

What a roller coaster it has been these last two weeks! Finding new balance in our daily life can be a challenge, but also a great reminder that we can adapt. Thank you to all our teachers and staff for really pulling this distance learning together so fast, you have all done a fantastic job keeping our kids learning and connected. Our theme this year is really ringing true “WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER”.

The PTO has been working with Administration to see how to move forward with our calendar. **Art night, our Spring fundraiser (read-a-thon), and Maturation are cancelled, please make note.** We will keep you posted on the rest of the year. Thank you to everyone who planned these events, we will enjoy them next year!

Teacher Appreciation week:

Thank you to everyone who participated in celebrating our teachers. It was very well executed, and our teachers really felt the love. Thank you, Lauri Merriman and Maris Scott, for all your hard work and planning.

What we can do as a PTO:

To help keep communication amongst peers and parents, the PTO has made the AtoZ directory available at no charge for all to access through the end of the summer. If you have not added yourself into the directory, we urge you to do so. This is the official PTO directory that we will be updating upon the start of each new school year.

How it will work year to year:

Once you receive your welcome letter in August assigning your kids to their classrooms, YOU will update your information in AtoZ to reflect your students new class, and any personal information changes. This will create our new directory for the year, all in one easy step.

*You can decide to “opt out” of the directory, but still utilize its features (calendar, digital backpack, store, & more). You can customize the information you want seen by others. You can even opt out of receiving emails, say for your spouse, but still be in the directory. **There is an info sheet in the digital backpack with commonly asked questions.** Questions: email mallan63@yahoo.com*

To Join:

Go to join.atozconnect.com and click on “sign up now”. Enter the school zip code then select our school. If your email or phone number is in the database, a password reset link will be sent to your email. If not, complete the form to send in your join request. Only families with students have access to the directory.

Once we approve your request, you will get an email with login info. You can also download the AtoZconnect app from your app store.

- Follow us on Instagram! [Canyonrimacademypto](#)

Send us your pictures and videos of what you are doing to keep busy:
canyonrimpto@gmail.com. We will post them on our Instagram for all your peers to see.

- Need Ideas to keep busy? The following link has a list of free subscriptions and websites and many other ideas:
<https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/9020-activities-to-keep-kids-busy-when-schools-close>

If there are any needs that the PTO can help with, please feel free to email us!
canyonrimpto@gmail.com

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