

CRA Newsletter, 3-31-2020

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and adjusting to the strange environment we are now living in (and I hope it does not last too long). Please follow the daily news for Coronavirus updates as they happen so fast it is more efficient to follow the news than emails from school. I also hope we all take the warnings seriously. On a personal note, I have a sister-in-law that lives in NYC. The news she shares with my family is not good and we do not want to get to that point here in Utah.
- My brief editorial -

I had a staff meeting this morning via Zoom with our teachers. One thing that came up was that many teachers were getting so many emails, that it was becoming hard to get their lessons ready, give feedback to students and reply to the emails. We understand that there will be many questions. We simply ask that you **try** to follow any type of procedure for email communication that the teacher has established. I emphasize 'try' as we know that there may be exceptions based upon each families unique situations.

Please know that our teachers are working hard to make this work for your children. It is new for us and we understand that it is new for you also. We are in this together and we hope for the quick and successful eradication of the pandemic.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and please practice the guidelines that we have been given to avoid the Coronavirus.

Sincerely,
Kent Fuller - Principal

Specialty Classes

There are so many things that make Canyon Rim Academy such a unique place. One of those things is that all grades get to attend Specialty Classes once each week, taught by teachers that specialize in the areas they teach. Our wonderful classroom teachers and our wonderful specialty class teachers have all been working hard to make sure that your student's education can continue while they are at home. Don't forget to check out the specialty class teacher websites, located on the CRA website in the Quicklinks section under "Class Websites". Websites for Miss Katina, art, music, P.E., computer, reading, band & orchestra are all listed. We know that the learning experience at home is not the same as being at school, but we appreciate the helps that all of our teachers are providing to make this a great experience in spite of the challenges.

Just a reminder...please continue to monitor your children on the computer/chromebook to make sure they are internet safe. Info from our computer specialists tell us your internet connection/wifi is only as safe as your home connection/wifi, so check your settings and make sure that the technology they are using is in a space that is open to the rest of the family and easily monitored.

It's been hard to be away from school for all of us. We miss the interaction, the hands on learning, teachers welcoming students each day, the smiling faces, recess with friends, library time, specialty classes, the delicious school lunches and each one of you! Our wish is that all of our CRA families are happy and healthy!

PTO Newsletter, 3-31-2020

Welcome to HOME SCHOOL!!

It looks like we are in this for a little longer than we were planning on, this can be a really hard thing for a lot of us. Please remember we are in this together, our teachers are available and ready to help. I recently read an article about how to survive this time with work, school at home, and isolation. Some of these tips were very helpful to me and thought they were worth sharing.

- Free online educational resource are great, but don't get bogged down by the flood of downloadable PDFs and lesson plans available online. If you're working from home yourself, they can be especially overwhelming.

Instead, find a couple of resources that work and build from there. Prioritize your kid's greatest need and then their biggest interest or passion. Look for resources that will keep them connected to their real-life community — piano lessons, Sunday school and local dance classes are all going online. Grandparents and family friends are volunteering to lead activities like story time and craft sessions. You're not going to recreate school in one day, so start small.

- Set up designated space and time for learning. Routine is good, and you can be flexible. It's ok to let everyone sleep in a little later than usual, we are not teaching 7 hours a day, only 2-4 hours.
- Be forgiving of yourself and your kids. This is a stressful time. If home school is causing severe emotional distress, take a break and put on a movie, go noodle, or go outside. Our teachers are also available, make sure to contact them if homeschool is overwhelming you.
- This is a good time for passion projects: It could be cooking, building in Minecraft, or drawing. Find something to enjoy to destress and have fun.
- Article here:
<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/23/820228206/6-tips-for-homeschooling-during-coronavirus>

During this time our PTO's fun plans have been put on hold until further notice. We are still actively planning for next year and looking forward to providing our school community with some fun activities. With this said, we are looking for two key positions: **Treasurer and President Elect**. Please let us know if you are interested or have a recommendation for either of these positions. You can email canyonrimpto@gmail.com. We will vote on next years' presidency at our May 5th PTO meeting.

Please remember to utilize our "EASY" fundraising options through "Smiths Inspiring donations" and "Amazon Smile". We are listed as Canyon Rim Academy PTO and receive a percentage from your purchases.

Upcoming PTO meeting on Zoom . All are welcome to attend.

Time: Apr 7 at 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/654123845>

Meeting ID: 654 123 845

Melissa Stalsberg
Canyon Rim PTO President