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Satori School Closure Update ~ April 10, 2020

Dear Satori students and families,

It was wonderful talking with everyone this week and last. It took me much longer than I thought it would, but I loved every minute of it. I even got to talk with a few students as well! Thank you for spending the time to let me know how you are all doing and for your great questions (some of which I have answered in the FAQ section below). I was happy to hear that most everyone is safe and healthy. I appreciated all the kind words and the concerns for the staff. Although we are all in different stages, each of us is slowly getting used to this 'not so normal, new normal'. If you have not heard from me it is most likely because I did not have your correct number, or your voicemail was full. It's also possible my number came across as spam for some families. Please feel free to reach out to me through email or the office numbers.

As I stated to many of you, it is important to remember that if your child or you are feeling overwhelmed or need a day to step away from it all, that is ok. We all need breaks and it will not affect your student's grade or their ability to move to the next grade in August.

While talking with families the common ground I found was the need for a schedule. It makes sense, the students had a schedule they followed when they were at school and many may need to follow one at home, as well. I found a great article that talks about how to make a schedule with an understanding that there must be breaks throughout the day (almost like recess). Follow this link if you need a few more hints on how to create a schedule for home: <https://nypost.com/2020/03/16/how-to-keep-your-kid-on-a-schedule-during-coronavirus-school-closings/>.

Here are some new FAQ's:

- **You had mentioned we would be able to pick up our children's items. When will that happen?** We are still working out a plan for this and should have an answer soon. I was originally waiting until the 'stay home' request from the governor ended. Until then, if your child has something they need, please let me know and we can come up with a plan on how to get that to you.
- **TUSD just came out with an end of the quarter plan. Does Satori have one yet?** The TUSD Board has approved a plan but we have not yet. I will let you know our plan as soon as our Satori Board meets to vote; we should have an answer by the end of the month.
- **What about Quarter 3 grades?** We apologize for the delay, if all goes well, they should be out by the end of today.



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- **How are you handling attendance?** We just received a letter from the State announcing that we are not to report absences after March 15, 2020. That being said, we are keeping track of interactions with students, when they have logged into an app or when they have connected with their teacher, just in case we need that information down the road. If you are taking a day off or needing to change what you are doing with your child, please let your teacher know.
- **Are you able to keep your staff on payroll?** I am happy to say that at this point everyone is getting a paycheck. We did apply for the Paycheck Protection Act and are waiting for an answer (I will let you know what we hear back). Thank you for your concern for the staff!
- **How much did Satori raise on AZGives Day?** Thank you to everyone who contributed! We made \$2,001. 😊
- **What is happening with the Auction?** We are planning a scaled back online auction to be scheduled for May. The committee is working hard on finalizing the details and new date and will get those to you soon. We did receive \$10,000 in sponsorships this year! Look for information about our Auction Sponsors in the coming weeks. When you are able, please support and thank them. If you are one of our sponsors, I thank you with all of my heart!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and I will 'see' you all next week,

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