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## Satori School Closure Update – May 1, 2020

Dear Satori students and families,

Today marks the end of week 7, but who's counting. I hope everyone is still healthy and doing what is necessary to make the best of this situation. I find that as the weeks and days blend together, I am having a hard time coming up with new words of encouragement and just want this to be over. All the teachers have gone in to bag up student belongings and it was a lot more difficult than imagined. So many memories of the beginning of the year and the starting of projects set for the end of the year. There were many tears and the hardest part was the teachers doing it alone and not being able hug each other for support.

Next week is our "Roaring into the 20s" 'virtual' auction. Please look for emails, reminds, and texts from teachers, Melissa Henshaw, and/or Chris. The auction is an event that we all look forward to and I know the Auction Committee is working hard on making it as 'real' as they can. Thank you in advance for your support! Oh, and look for the Taste of Adventure dinner for 8. It is a great way to get together with your closest friends that you haven't spent any time with recently and experience an exquisite 5-8 course meal with drinks paired to the flavors of the menu. The best part is you get to spend the evening with me as this whole event is staged at my house on 4 acres of luscious desert! Look for more details about the auction below.

### FAQs:

- **When is the last day that my child needs to go to school if grades look different this quarter?** The last day of school is May 21. School is more than grades, there is still learning that is happening, schedules that need to be maintained for the mental health of children (and parents) and the connection with teachers is more important now than ever.
- **When will we be able to come pick up our child's belongings?** We are still in the process of figuring out details. I will get the information out to families early next week. With the extension of the Stay at Home order in Arizona, we have to make sure we can navigate the appropriate numbers of people on campus at one time.
- **If we would like to appreciate teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8), how would we do that?** You should be receiving a letter soon (if you haven't gotten already) with different ideas. Thank you for thinking of your teachers! They have been working hard to keep up with all these changes and connections with students.
- **Can we appreciate other staff as well?** Yes! Please! They have been working just as hard! If you need the email of a staff member you do not have, please send Susan Marcus an email at [susan@satorischool.org](mailto:susan@satorischool.org) and she will get you the information.



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- **Have you heard anything about the PPP loan you applied for?** Yes! We got it! Yay! We will be able to continue paying the staff for the remainder of the year and into the summer. It will also help us stay afloat next year. Thank you for sending positive thoughts. It was a nail-biting couple of weeks. A shout out to Brian for making it all possible!
- **Any word on graduation?** The middle school team is getting together to make a decision next week. We will let families know soon. Kindergarten graduation will not be happening on campus, however there is discussion on what we could possibly do with them over Zoom to celebrate.

Continue to stay safe, healthy, and kind!

Much love,  
Jo

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