



March 26, 2020

Dear New Paltz Families,

We hope that you and yours are doing well. As the evolution of COVID-19 continues to progress at a rapid rate, we are undoubtedly all facing very stressful times and interruptions to so many aspects of our daily lives.

The emotional wellbeing of our students and families is our first priority. Everything else, subject matter included, is second. Nonetheless, familiar principles anchor how we will begin to adapt a continuing academic program to this unprecedented time of social and personal stress. As this process emerges, we will continuously collect feedback from our stakeholders about our successes and areas of growth to refine our work. Our intention is not to overwhelm but rather provide resources, learning opportunities, and support as needed.

If teachers have not already done so, they will begin to reach out to your child on Monday, March 30th via phone, email, or teacher websites. Your child may already know how to navigate these avenues of communication while other students may need additional guidance. We ask that you assist your child to the greatest extent possible utilizing the communication avenues to contact your child's teacher. Along with the resources noted earlier, Google Classroom and/or Google Meet may be additional avenues for teachers to connect to your children.

Modifying teaching practices in such a radically different way with virtually no notice is a huge task. The collegiality and collaboration we are seeing throughout the community is impressive. We are facing an incredibly challenging situation and we are asking a lot of students, parents and teachers. We also know that everyone is doing their very best to make this a successful experience for all. We appreciate your patience and understanding as a necessary part of the process.

Thank you.

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Duzine Elementary

Lenape Elementary

New Paltz Middle School

New Paltz High School