



THE GROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Grove Community,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well. As the situation surrounding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to evolve, Grove is working hard to set up the infrastructure necessary to support our students and families working from home. You may have heard that Redlands Unified School District recently announced that their closure will be extended through Friday, May 1. For the health and safety of our staff and students, the campus closure at the Grove School will follow the same schedule.

As we enter into this new and challenging time, there are many pieces of information to pass on to you. Please take the time to read through all the information below. [Here is a link for this email as a pdf.](#)

Our physical campus is closed, but education will continue. Grove is transitioning to a **Distance Learning Program** for the duration of time that our physical campus must remain closed.

Our students are uniquely capable of taking on the challenge of learning from home. Montessori is a self-directed learning model. Our students have shown us that they know how to concentrate, how to choose and persist through challenging work, and how to reach out for help when needed. These skills can continue to flourish in a home learning environment.

Teachers have emailed students their assignments for 3/23-3/27.

Go to [our distance learning webpage](http://www.thegroveschool.org/distance-learning-resources/) at <http://www.thegroveschool.org/distance-learning-resources/>. On this webpage you will find links to all your teachers' classes and assignments. Talk to your student about which classes they are enrolled in and you can check Aeries to see their schedule. For this first week, we are posting work for their core classes. These postings will include instructions on how to submit finished work. We will be sending out enrichment activities for elective classes later this week.

If you have any difficulty accessing the assignments online, contact the school at info@thegroveschool.org. We will have physical copies of the assignments available in the High School office starting Tuesday, 3/24/2020, 10:30 am.

Spectrum is offering free access to the internet and Wifi for new k-12 and college student households. You can call (833)267-6094, or go to this website <https://www.spectrum.net/contact-us/> and use the Chat with Us window to find out more information. The wait time for calls is usually over 30 minutes.





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The Grove staff will be available to guide the students and to support you. If you have questions, or students need help with assignments, reach out to your teachers through email. The Distance learning webpage has a list of teacher's office hours. We are working to put together a comprehensive distance learning program that is accessible to all.

Special Education and 504 Students

Our Special Education Department and 504 Coordinator will be contacting you in the next couple of days and making plans on how to best support you and your student. Feel free to contact Candace with questions about Special Education students, or Mel with questions about 504 students.

Effects on Planned Events

At this point, we are still considering questions about graduation, summer school, and other events. All critical information will be announced when available and the needs of our community are our highest priority.

Trimester 2 Grades

Teachers have until Tuesday 3/24/2020, to submit trimester 2 grades. You will be able to see your trimester 2 final grades in Aeries on Wednesday 3/25/2020.

AP Exams

For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates. You will receive more detailed information as soon as it becomes available.

Information specific to the Class of 2020, our Seniors

Please rest assured that students who have applied to colleges and intend to apply from high schools located in regions impacted by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) are not disadvantaged in the college admissions process.

Four-year college applicants - Most of you probably received almost all of your admission decisions. If you still have responses outstanding, please be patient. Everybody is affected by the current situation. Colleges will do their best to get decisions to you asap.

You will **have until May 1 to submit your Intent to Register (SIR)** and to submit your enrollment deposit.





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Two-year college applicants - If you applied for the Free College Promise Program make sure that you check your emails. If you got accepted, follow the steps outlined in the email you have received. All steps need to be completed by April 18. We are currently waiting to receive a response from Crafton regarding the orientation meeting.

Other important Information

Over the next few weeks, Anke will post information in Google classroom about steps students need to take to get ready for college applications in fall. Make sure you are reading your "Class of 2021" Google classroom announcements.

2020-21 Class Scheduling

If you have not turned in your course selection sheet, please do so asap. You can take a picture and email it to Anke or just write your selections in an email. Anke has started to work on the 2020-21 master schedule. Make sure that you read any email you receive from her regarding your scheduling choices.

SAT Testing

The College Board is canceling the May 2, 2020, SAT® administration. Refunds to all students who are registered for May will be provided. As of today, the June administration has not been cancelled yet. Demand for the June and August administration will be high. Make sure you register asap. Please email Anke if you are in need of a fee waiver.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. The Grove staff is available if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to send updates as this situation evolves. **You can also find updates and an archive of emails on the Grove School website.**

<http://www.thegroveschool.org/covid-19-response/>

Sincerely,
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