

September 2, 2020

Dear South Canyon Distance Learning Families,

We know you have been anxiously waiting for news about distance learning. Things are falling into place, and we have some information to share. Our distance learning plan is designed to keep our distance learners on pace with our on campus learners.

### Devices

Distance learners will receive their devices and login information on the same day as our On Campus learners. This means that if your last name begins with A-K, your device will be available for pick up in the main office on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 3:30 pm. If your last name begins with L-Z, your device will be available for pick up on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 3:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up your device at that time, please contact the office to set up an appointment.

To receive your laptop, you will need to complete the Device Guidelines and Expectations Agreement in Skyward Family Access, under Online Forms. When you come to pick up the device, we ask that you wear a mask, not have a temperature of 100 or greater, and without illness.

### Teachers

Online learners will have teachers from Canyon Lake, South Canyon, and Black Hawk for each of the three core content areas: reading, writing, and math. We are in the process of rostering student now, and should be able to share contact information with you soon.

### Daily Schedule

Every day, Monday through Friday, new content will be accessible in reading, writing, and math through our Kickstand online learning platform. Your child's teachers will be creating video lessons, online practice opportunities, and offline activities. Additionally, your child's teachers will reach out to you soon to establish their regular meeting schedule; this will include live small group instruction, as well as office hours for families to get additional support.

It is up to you to determine with your child the specific times for them to do school work at home when they are not meeting with their teacher. If working on school work in the evenings is better for your family, by all means, do that!

### First Weeks of School

The first weeks of school are typically reserved for establishing relationships, routines, and procedures to promote safety and learning. For distance learners, this is no different. The first two weeks will help you and your learner ease into this school year with some "low-stakes" activities and events.

During the first week of school, our teachers will be establishing lines of communication with you, and assigning some fun and simple tasks for your learner to complete. These activities are designed to

ensure that we have good communication between home and school, and to start to get to know you and your child.

For the second week, teachers will set up your first face-to-face Zoom sessions. Think of this as a virtual open house. During the meeting, norms for attendance and work completion will be shared, as well as allowing you time to ask your teachers specific questions and to get any technical help you may need.

The week of September 21 is when all learners – whether they are face to face on campus, or distance learners – will start regular core content instruction.

Respectfully,

Principal Spotted Eagle

