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Good afternoon, Wolf Canyon Families!

I hope this finds you well. This week, our team is working diligently to make connections with our students and preparing for Distance Learning to begin next week. We have encountered a number of questions and are doing our best to address them in a timely manner. Below, please find some *Frequently Asked Questions*.

Question: When will my child (Gr. 3 - 6) receive a device?

A: There is no date of *when* or *if* students will be distributed devices. Other districts have moved ahead with this initiative, however, at this time our district has opted to gather more data about current technology supports in the home. This data collection includes access to devices and broadband speed before determining if a roll-out of devices is the best option or solution for our students to access Distance Learning.

Connectivity at home is as important as the device(s) in the home. There is a huge difference between issuing a laptop, and then being able to use it at home. Creating an equitable learning environment is critical for our students to learn. If we do issue devices, or printed packets for that matter, it will likely occur after the next two weeks. Currently, public health officials say sheltering in place is critical to stem a predicted surge in coronavirus cases.

Please see the link below for more information about this topic from our Superintendent.

[Superintendent Message Click Here](#)

Question: My child does not have access to a device, how can they participate in Distance Learning?

A: Distance learning means that learning opportunities are provided to students while the teacher and the student are in different locations (i.e., outside the traditional classroom environment). Distance learning may include student-instructor interaction through the use of a computer and/or telecommunications technology to deliver instruction and check-in time. This may include video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and instructor is on-line interaction, instructional television, video, or other instruction that relies on printed materials (“packets”).

Our teachers are doing their best to be creative and come up with ideas beyond relying on technology to participate in Distance Learning. Please make sure to communicate your current situation with your teachers, so that they can better understand and support your child during this new learning time.

Question: Is the District developing a plan to increase broadband access for our learning community?

A: CVESD is working in partnership with the City of Chula Vista and the Classroom of the Future Foundation for possible broadband expansion, such as incorporating hotspots in our neediest neighborhoods. There are a number of service providers. [Click here for a list of providers](#). For example, effective Monday, March 16, Cox Communications began providing:

- Limited-time, first two months free of Connect2Compete service, \$9.95/month thereafter. Cox also has increased Connect2Compete speeds to 50 mbps.
- Until May 15, 2020, we are providing phone and remote desktop support through Cox Complete Care at no charge to provide peace of mind and ease for technology needs
- Resources for discounted, refurbished equipment through its association with PCs for People. Click here to view informational flyer in English and Spanish.
- A Learn from Home toolkit for schools, including instructions on how to fast-track eligible students without internet access:
 - [Download toolkit - English](#)

We plan to continue to advocate for plan upgrades (increased bandwidth) to support the needs of students at home during this unprecedented crisis.

Question: Is there a place where I can purchase an affordable device?

A: Yes. <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete/low-cost-computer.html>

Question: My child left his/ her glasses at school. May I get them?

A: Yes. Please email Mathew.shy@cvesd.org for more information. Note that I am working remotely; so I will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

Question: My child has medication at school. Do I need to pick it up?

A: No. You can leave the medication at school until next year or until when the office reopens.

Question: My child has medication at school and I need access to my child's prescription. May I pick it up?

A: Yes. Please e-mail Mathew.shy@cvesd.org for more information. Note that I am working remotely; so I will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

For additional Q & A please make sure to check out this link: [HERE](#)

The Wolf Canyon team misses each of you and hopes that you and your family are staying healthy and positive!

Sincerely,

Mathew Shy, Principal