

Eerily comforting...March 24, 2020

Safety Secure-ers:

**Wishes of health and happiness through all of this - with the brightness of knowing we can do anything on the other side - because we can.

**I will continue to send daily messages with updates, but the most significant information and important school notes will come from your home room teachers. Make sure you are opening and digesting the information from your homeroom teachers. Some will be redundant here - so I do hope you have time for my messages. But your most important, helpful significant messages will arrive from your homeroom teacher. Make sure to give those the highest priority and attention.

**Learning Boards which will contain tasks, assignments, activities for each team will go live on Monday at around 7:00 AM. Teacher virtual office hours and other information will be located all on one site. It will be very easy to access. You will simply go to the Camelot Website and click on Remote Learning, then your learner's team link for the week. That will open an Academic and Encore link. The learning boards will be there for you.

**Many of you know one of my personal professional passions has been to make time non-essential to learning. As we are all aware that every learner masters skills at a different pace and way, time is a constraint I professionally continue to resist and spar with. I preface with that because I want to be very clear - the tasks and activities and daily time for each learner on remote learning in the upcoming weeks is NOT TIME-BASED. No teacher will say a learner should spend "X" amount of time, or should be working on school work for an amount of time. The activities and assigned tasks are completion-based. In other words, students will be asked to do their very best work in the time it takes to do their very best work. You will receive a suggested schedule for the day that will be very flexible and should be adapted to your family's schedule and your learner's capacity and development. Yes - help your learner with the discipline to do some school work each day in amounts that are reasonable and meet the teacher's expectations. We all have need of structure and that is good. But make that structure yours and do not base it on time. That simply will not work in this delivery system. Don't over do it - find your balance and help your learners become independently reliant on themselves and their ability to regulate themselves. An unintended benefit of this whole situation, but if done successfully, one that will last a lifetime.

**Zoom is great and what a tool that I hope we utilize to the fullest. But for our teachers, it is becoming a reality that is all -consuming at this time. Can't wait till this little bug goes

away - zoomed out, and so grateful for ANY human interaction six feet away. Hope you are finding that time to be physically distant, but socially in tact.

Your loyal and willing servant to the Camelot and Brookings community - Kevin