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Hello Parents.

We are excited to provide the following updates for the coming school year!

- Materials for the school year, including Chromebooks, can be picked up **August 17** from **8:00 am -5:30 pm** or **August 18** from **8:00 am -6:30 pm**.
- Internet hotspots have been ordered. They are expected to arrive by August 28. We will distribute these to families who have expressed a need for one in our survey.
- If you haven't already, please complete the survey found at <https://forms.gle/TS7YEbFoLGLw5o116> . This gives us critical information to help in finalizing plans for the school year. Please complete the survey by 5pm on Monday, August 10.
- We will mail out information for returning parents to confirm or update their student's information in our student information system.
- We have posted registration forms to our website at www.cusd49.com. You may also stop by the school to pick them up.
- Our teachers have been working hard through the summer to learn new ways to engage your students in a distance learning format. In addition to tools individual teachers may use, we have the following tools available this year:
 - MobyMax- <https://www.mobymax.com/> - Online Curriculum for independent study, homeschool, and to supplement the classroom instruction for K-8.
 - Prodigy- <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/> - Math practice in a game format for K-8
 - My Math Academy- New product, so no public website, Math game practice for TK-2 from the folks at ABCMouse.com.
 - Reflex Math- <https://www.reflexmath.com/>- Math fact practice for K-3.
 - Epic Books- <https://www.getepic.com/>- Many books for various ages TK-6.
 - Accelerated Reader- <https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader/>- Program to encourage reading among our students K-8.

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- Nearpod- <https://nearpod.com/>- Interactive, teacher led lessons for students K-8.
- Google Classroom- <https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6020279?hl=en>- A platform to organize lessons and information for students K-8.
- Our existing textbooks also have some robust online components.
- Distance Learning in the fall will have some differences from the spring.
 - Teachers will be required to make contact with students in a daily live interaction. This can be through Zoom or Google Meets or in a phone call.
 - Students will have to participate in class each day to receive attendance credit.
 - Student work will be graded. Regular grades will be issued for grades 4-8.
- Besides distance learning we will also be offering an **Independent Study Program**.
 - In the independent study program, the student is given assignments from the teacher and checks in with the teacher once a week via Zoom or Google Meets.
 - The teacher will be available to answer questions or provide support throughout the week.
- This year we will be offering **Homeschool**. In this model of education the parent is the child's main teacher.
 - The parent would make weekly contact with the teacher to ensure that the student was meeting state standards.
 - We have online and print curricula that students and parents can use that meets standards so parents will be supported throughout this process.

Thank you to all of you for everything you are doing during this hard time. We will be making every effort to get students back to school as soon as it is safe to do so. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the school or district office.

Sincerely,

Joe Aldridge
Superintendent

Suzanne Mohr
Principal