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TSD COVID-19 Update 3.20.20
School Buildings Closed, Education is Open

TSD Community,

First and foremost, I want to thank you, the TSD community, for your resilience and flexibility during this unprecedented and historical time. There has been a lot of communication this week as principals and teachers re-designed, at a moment's notice, what school looks like for our students. I commend our staff for rising to the occasion, learning new platforms, investigating new methods and most importantly, providing engaging opportunities for students. This is a learning curve for all and I understand that at many times it was overwhelming. We appreciate your support in remote learning as it is with parental and community backing that we will be successful.

I believe next week many of the wrinkles will have been ironed out and we will continue with our new, temporary TSD motto - School Buildings Closed, Education Is Open.

Technology/Wi-Fi/Help Desk for Student & Parent Support

The TSD Tech Crew went into overdrive and was able to provide each and every student who needed a device with one and the device hand-out went well.

The biggest remaining challenge has been getting those without Internet at home connected. We've had great support from the community in this effort. Wilkinson was the first to step up with the loan of several Verizon and Sprint hot spots. Spectrum is working on installing free connections for some families in Village Court, and Telluride Foundation is working on the outliers with other ISPs. We understand many neighborhoods have a connection that is not good enough/fast enough. Our priority is to get every student connected initially, after which may be able to look at the "inadequate" connections, but Internet in our area is pretty much take what you get.

We do have a hotspot up in the TMHS parking lot. Students can come and connect out there to do work, or at least upload/download assignments, etc. They can join the same networks they always have:
TSD for school-owned devices
TSD-Student for BYOD devices

Need Technology Help?: Email: helpdesk@telluride.k12.co.us. Please include your name, the name of your student(s) and the name or serial number of the device (if school-owned), or make/model/OS version of the device (if personal). The more detail you include, the more quickly and efficiently we can help you! After you send your email, you will get a confirmation of your ticket. Please look for additional emails from the help desk as personnel add their comments/questions. Everything will come from that email address.

Lunches

Our incredible kitchen staff is working to provide a pack and go lunch for ANY student who needs one (pickup from TMHS Cafeteria 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Monday-Friday). We have a community

member bringing lunches to Rico and have collaborated with Norwood School District so ANY student in Norwood can pick up a lunch 11am-12 pm (from the school on Monday and Maggie's Pizza Tuesday-Friday).

Mountain Village residents: The Town of Mountain Village will send a town vehicle for school lunch pick-up Monday-Friday, with delivery to Village Court Apartments and Meadows neighborhoods. Pick-up will be from 11:30-12:00 at VCA (maintenance shed,) and 12:15-12:45 at Meadows parking lot (Post Office.) The Town of Mountain Village will also offer pickup and delivery of Food Bank boxes every Thursday afternoon, with delivery to both VCA and the Meadows. If your family would like a school lunch and/or Food Bank box delivered, please email mprohaska@mtnvillage.org and indicate whether you will use the VCA or Meadows pick up locations.

Please contact Stacey Wright at swright@telluride.k12.co.us for additional information on lunch pickup(s). No child should go hungry during this time. Please let us know if you know of a child in need.

Lunches are currently available for any student. If your student is not currently on the school Free & Reduced lunch program and circumstances have altered please go to http://tellurideschool.org/parents/free_reduced_school_meals to fill out an application or email Stacey Wright or your school Administrative Assistant for a hard copy.

School Calendar/Events

For now, Governor Polis has ordered all Colorado schools to be closed until April 17th as a minimum and as of today he told superintendents to plan for the rest of the semester being out of buildings. Additionally, San Miguel County is under order to Shelter-in-Place until April 3rd with probability of extension. What this means for TSD is to be determined. What we know is that CHSAA stalled spring sports and we are turning our discussions to events like graduation, prom, awards nights, plays and other post spring break events. Please stay tuned.

High School Parents: See latest information regarding AP Exams
https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update?SFMC_cid=EM288604-&rid=47578708

COVID-19 Testing & Updates

Please refer <https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/590/Coronavirus> for the most up to date and reliable information.

Volunteer Efforts/Monetary Contributions

We appreciate everyone who has offered to help with school lunches via volunteer efforts or a monetary donation. As mentioned above we currently have school lunches covered but if this changes we will email out for help. If you are able to make a financial contribution directly to school lunches please drop off a check to TMHS front desk (there is a drop-off box in the foyer) or mail to TSD, Attn: Kim Spaulding at 725 W. Colorado Avenue, Telluride, CO 81435 it would be greatly appreciated. We will send you a tax donation letter.

Otherwise we feel the best opportunities to donate is through Telluride Foundation
<https://telluridefoundation.org/responsefund/> and volunteer or donate via Tri-County Health Network
Volunteer@tchnetwork.org.

These groups are better equipped and suited to coordinate community-wide efforts while TSD works on our specialty - education and student support.

During these challenges times I feel fortunate to call Telluride home. We are lucky to have a strong community, pro-active measures from our medical and government teams, and the **BEST** Telluride School District employees. Continue to look to your School Principal and teacher emails for specific school communication and school work.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns and remember although School Buildings are closed, Education is Open and TSD is here to support student learning.

Please share with your student that the work samples they are producing are of such quality, compassion, and ingenuity I continue to share them with my contacts at the Colorado Department of Education.

Shine On!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "G".

Mike Gass, Superintendent

For most up to date information in San Miguel County please visit:
<https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/590/Coronavirus>