



**Subject:** Remote Learning Weekly Update from Judith & Jenn

Dear PCS Families,

We hope this email finds you safe and healthy, though likely exhausted from your new balancing act of keeping your household going while monitoring your child's learning program. Yesterday, we met virtually with our Board of Trustees to discuss future plans for our physical campus. We have not made any new decisions regarding the possibility of returning to campus before the end of the school year or the cancellation of our usual end-of-year events, but we will continue to consult with other CAIS school heads, monitor Covid-19 recommendations from state and local health departments daily, and keep you updated as new information unfolds.

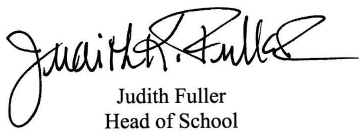
Here are some notes about the week ahead:

- On **Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.**, PA Co-Presidents Dan and Heather will be hosting a Zoom **"Not So Happy Happy Hour" PA Meeting**. We encourage all parents to attend, commiserate with other families who have the same concerns, and spend some time outside of isolation to enjoy the company of our wonderful community members. We will join at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions and hopefully reassure you that you are doing an amazing job.
- **Friday, May 1 will be a report writing day for teachers; students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.** You will be receiving modified schedules with links to a virtual morning council followed by rotating elective activities that give students a break from their rigorous academic work. The early dismissal will also provide a Friday afternoon screen rest for our students.
- Sara Love, our onsite Remote Learning Specialist, will be offering Zoom parent professional development sessions on how to use Google Classroom - look for an email next week with more details.
- As a reminder, we have moved our list of resources to a [Remote Learning Portal](#) on our new PCS website. To access the portal, click on the above link and, when prompted, enter the password.

As we all search for ways to pass the time in isolation, we are thrilled to announce that renowned dyslexia expert and PCS Trustee Dr. Sally Shaywitz released a second edition of [Overcoming Dyslexia](#), the definitive book on identifying, understanding, and overcoming dyslexia. In addition to significant new research findings and evidence-based approaches, we are honored and humbled that Dr. Shaywitz has included our school in her latest edition, writing, "Park Century cares deeply and constantly pushes forward to ensure that each dyslexic student there is receiving the specific instruction needed." Reading this as we adapt to remote learning has reinvigorated our goal of delivering the same quality program remotely.

This past week, our teachers have seen students settling into their programs as they become more familiar with schedules and Google Classroom, and like last week, for each moment of frustration, there have been many more moments of positivity and remote learning victories for our students. We are so proud of their immense efforts, and we know that they are able to show up everyday because of your sacrifice and support. We hope you find time this weekend to relax, enjoy your families, and forget about Zoom links and Google Classroom until we reunite again on Monday.

Sincerely,

  
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