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"Together we Share, Discover, Create, and Achieve"

To Parents, Guardians and PGS Staff:

Greetings and happy Friday to all. I hope this message finds you well and looking ahead to some down time this weekend. I want to start my message this week with some thank yous.

First, to our PGS teachers who have been working diligently this past week to gather some feedback from families and who are continuing to make adjustments to the remote learning experiences for their students. I do appreciate your willingness to work with our students and families to make this work.

Second, thank you to all our parents and guardians out there. You have truly been partners with us during this time. Children benefit from having parents like you, who have high expectations for their children's education. I thank you for all the effort you are putting towards keeping the students connected.

Next, is our support staff including Paras, Teaching Assistants, Secretaries, and Tutors. This collective group has been the glue holding the many pieces of this process together. Our office staff has been the communication hub, our tutors, TAs, and paras have been the safety net. They have been working to meet up with students who needed extra support.

Finally, to our custodial staff who have been making themselves available and assisting us when we needed books, whiteboards, easels, and just about any other supply we might need to teach remotely. It takes a village! Clearly, PGS is a good "village" to be a part of.

Last week I mentioned that I would provide updates as they become available. As of today, I have two updates for you.

The first is in regards to grading. As you might have guessed, grading and report cards will look different this trimester. All children will still receive a mark for their work during remote learning. Children will be marked for having met the standard (M = Meeting) or marked for having come close to the standard (A = Approaching the standard). Finally, (not enough information or I) will be applied when not enough assignments were turned into the teacher to fairly assess progress. With this trimester looking so different, you should expect to see areas that were not graded as a result of our teachers focusing on priority standards during the final part of the school year. There will be special notations stating that trimester 3 took place remotely.

The second update addresses, "**When can I get my stuff?**" Our staff will be working over the next couple weeks to visit the school and organize student materials. We plan to schedule pick up dates beginning the first week in June. I will share a very specific plan with you, designed to ensure contactless pickups, as we get closer to these dates. There will be an opportunity to return Library books and teacher books at this time.

It has yet to be determined how Chromebooks will be handled. As soon as I know more about this, I will update you.

Warm Regards, Mr. G