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Distance Learning Parent Newsletter, Issue 17

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Opening Letter

DEAR PARENTS,

The 17th Edition of the Distance Learning Parent Newsletter brings us to February 2021. We hope you and your family are well. This edition of the newsletter provides more resources and activities for parents and families.

Remember, if you feel you need support to access and maintain communication with your child's teacher, please contact your school as soon as possible.

New Informational Resources

U.S. Department of Education Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide in English and Spanish

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide is now available in both English and Spanish. This guide provides resources, tips, and information to parents and caregivers assisting children using technology for learning.

The Spanish version of the guide is available on the ED Office of Educational Technology Guía de Aprendizaje Digital para Padres y Familias web page at <https://tech.ed.gov/publications/digital-learning-guide/parent-family-es/>.

The English version of the guide is available on the ED Office of Educational Technology Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide web page at <https://tech.ed.gov/publications/digital-learning-guide/parent-family/>.

Informational Resources Included Every Week

School Lunch Information: CA Meals for Kids

Parents can still pick up school lunches during COVID-19 related school closures. Use the "CA Meals for Kids" mobile app to find meals or you can contact your school district directly for more information. Some districts now offer home delivery for school lunches. Parents should contact their child's school to see if the school has opted into this optional program.

CDE News Release: CA Meals for Kids App Update at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/497627>

Getting Internet Access

If you do not have access to the internet at home, there are several companies offering service to families. Contact the companies listed on the link below on the CDE web page below to discuss available plans.

Getting Internet Access: Available Plans at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/498321>

Home Learning Resources

Below are free recommended resources that you can use with your children at home or they can use on their own.

Make History Come Alive with Books

Family History

A great way for young children to develop an interest in history through talk and books. Parents can share family stories through photos and letters.

<https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/make-history-come-alive-books>

Resources for Parents of Teens

Older students need support from parents, but that support is different from younger children and still critical. These resources offer tips for helping your child in school, dealing with social issues, and preparing for applying to college.

<https://www.colorincolorado.org/resources-parents-teens>

Masks Help Everyone Around You

COVID-19 is still circulating throughout California and the best way to slow the spread is to wear a mask whenever you leave the house. That is why the state is calling on all Californians to wear a mask or face covering when in public and unable to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.

The California Department of Public Health has published the video below to educate the public on how to correctly wear a mask and protect those around you from COVID-19. Help us spread the word by sharing the video with your networks and communities on social media.

<https://mailchi.mp/listoscalifornia/introducing-a-listos-california-collaboration-with-stayhomesavelives-4090341?e=6ebd2ed1db>

CDE Free Streaming Video Subscription Service

Due to the ongoing need for virtual resources, the CDE Streaming Video Subscription Service at <https://www.cdevideos.org/> is now available at no cost containing Early Learning publications. The website is currently being updated to provide **free and direct access to all registered users**.

Social Media and Email

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