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# Multilingual Parent Newsletter

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### Opening Letter

DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Distance Learning Parent Newsletter. This newsletter was recently renamed the Multilingual Parent Newsletter to better reflect the increase in hybrid or fully in-person student attendance. We hope you and your family are well and excited about the transition back to school. This edition of the newsletter provides more resources and activities for children, parents, and families as some students make their way back to school.

Starting with this issue, the Multilingual Parent Newsletter will be released every other month instead of monthly.

## New Informational Resources

### 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. 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 yourself and those around you from COVID-19. Help us spread the word by sharing the video with your networks and communities on social media.

The **How to Wear a Mask** video is available on the California Public Health YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQXTY4hcNUU>.

For the latest information regarding COVID-19 and California's response, visit the California for All website at <https://covid19.ca.gov>.

### CDE Free Streaming Video Subscription Service

Due to the ongoing need for virtual resources for children ages birth through preschool, the CDE is providing free access to numerous resources for families and teachers through the Streaming Video Subscription Service. The Streaming Video Subscription Service allows users to search by age and includes short videos about infant and toddler development, preschool learning foundations, language development, early learning in home care settings, inclusion for children with special needs, and more. To view the resources, please visit the CDE Web site at <https://www.cdevideos.org>.

The website is currently being updated to provide **free and direct access to all registered users**.

*New Addition to CDE Streaming Video Subscription Service: Inclusion Works Video Series*

The Inclusion Works video series is now available for free viewing. This six-video set is designed to be used in conjunction with the recently revised *Inclusion Works! Creating Child Care Programs that Promote Belonging for Children with Disabilities* publication, expected to be posted on the CDE website in early Summer 2021.

The video set provides practical tools and resources for use in implementing high-quality, inclusive practices and creating a culture of belonging.

## **Informational Resources Included in Every Issue**

### **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 near you or 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 participates in this optional program.

Please see the CDE News Release on the 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 CDE web page link below to discuss available plans.

Please visit the CDE Getting Internet Access web site at: 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.

### **The NASA Science Space Place: Explore Earth and Space**

Escape your everyday activities with a trip to space. Drive a rover on Mars and collect information about Martian rocks.

Follow the Perseverance Rover launched on February 18, 2021, to learn more about Mars.

Please visit the NASA Science Space Place web site at: <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov>

### **Wide Open School: Resources to Make Learning at Home Better for Everyone**

These resources can be accessed by parents or students to supplement distance learning or hybrid classroom activities. Activities are available for students in preschool through grade 12 and include creating daily plans, family fun, emotional well-being,

reading and writing, math, arts, music and “do it yourself” activities. To view these materials in a language other than English, select your preferred language in the upper right corner.

Please visit the Wide Open School web site at: <https://wideopenschool.org>

## **The California AfterSchool Network Presents: Virtual Tours & Activities**

Visit a museum in France, London, New York, or Los Angeles; visit an aquarium in Monterey, a zoo in San Diego, or space with NASA. Take a tour to learn and enjoy the world around us, far and wide.

Please visit the California AfterSchool Network web site at:

<https://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/post/virtual-tours-activities>

## **Social Media and Email**

To stay up to date with new resources and information, follow the CDE Multilingual Support Division on Twitter [@MultilingualCA](https://twitter.com/MultilingualCA).

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