

Dear Forge Families,

Thank you for the 50 or so people that were able to attend our Zoom meeting earlier today. We will be posting a link to view it online when the video is done processing. Here is a quick overview.

Communications:

- Please email all general questions to info@forgeintl.org to help us streamline our communications flow. My email has blown up and I want to make sure that communication doesn't get overlooked. We also want to ensure that we answer the questions once and not have to repeat them multiple times to save us time and energy.
- Website development is taking place to help put all relevant information in a common spot from a FAQ perspective. Text alerts will go out with each website update.
- To ensure all parent/guardians are receiving emails, we will also be forwarding our standard School Messenger emails through a BCC to all emails we have listed in Skyward. This may cause many of you to receive duplicates. Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure that all families and guardians have the information they need.
- To ensure you receive the text alerts, **send 'Y' or 'Yes' to 67587.**

Facilities:

- Staff began a deep clean of doors and walls last Friday and will continue to disinfect classroom furniture and deep clean throughout the building.

Learning:

- Plans are being developed to send Chromebooks home along with some paper copy materials and school supplies.
- Teachers will be developing learning plans to help give guidance to parents at home about potential routines and activities.
- To best support learning, it is important for us to know what Internet access looks like at home. Please complete this survey to help us plan accordingly:
<https://forms.gle/woou9S9CZHPMYGkN6>

Nutrition:

- We are working with the State Department on nutrition solutions.
- At this time, any district that is offering lunch locally under their summer lunch program is an eligible option for all children under the age of 18, regardless of where they go to school.
- Forge staff is coordinating information and will send out an update for all lunch programs available within our boundary area.
- To best support our nutrition program, it is important for us to know what the current community needs. Please complete this survey to help us plan accordingly:
<https://forms.gle/GC2BA63jAULsN6xw5>

Special Services:

- Forge staff met with Sage staff regarding Special Education services and will be reaching out to individual families.
- Plans are being developed to address other needs from a 504 and/or EL perspective and will be communicated directly to those families.
- Planning is taking place for students in need of additional reading intervention as well and will be communicated directly to those families.

Counseling:

- Ms. Kaplan-Rood is available for consultation with students and/or families to help students. Please reach out to her via email at joy.kaplanrood@forgeintl.org to schedule a time to talk with her.

During all of this unknown, it can be challenging to look to compassion and care rather than fear and anxiety. Please know from all of us at Forge International that we love each of your children as we do our own and miss seeing their beautiful faces and bright eyes. It is important during this time of uncertainty that we create opportunities for students to see their teachers' faces and hear their voices to help provide some normalcy. We will continue to schedule online activities via Zoom and the school calendar to help keep our community updated, engaged, and empowered during this time of crisis.

Thank you and Bless you,

Micah J. Doramus
Head of School

