



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Coming soon... our new website for all our most current resources and information related to the coronavirus school closure And extended learning during this time.

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Staying Connected

Dear Mission Hill School Friends, Families, Students and Staff,

How are you doing?



As I sit here at school, with Jenerra a safe ten feet away, we are on our third day of working in a very empty school building. We've seen some of you, and talked and emailed with many more. And we are getting updates about you from our teachers as well. What we want to know is: *How are you and your family doing with all of this?* We are trying our best to answer all of your questions and we understand how confusing this is. The situation changes daily (sometimes hourly) and feeling anxious is normal. Please know that we are here to help in any way we can. Throughout this past week, when Jenerra and I have heard about unmet needs - food, information, Chromebooks, how to explain this to your children, and more - we've been able to help many of you. Some answers, such as Internet access for those who don't yet have it, will be coming in the days ahead.

Staying connected as a school community over these upcoming weeks and months will be a challenge for sure. These past few days I've used the telephone and the US Mail more than usual. These tried and true methods of communication don't have to be discarded in this digital age, and may even have a resurgence this spring as we navigate this new normal. Please reach out to your classroom teachers or to Jenerra and myself with any questions you have. 617-635-6384 or gmclaughlin@missionhillschool.org and jwilliams@missionhillschool.org.

Are there ways we can have a virtual Friday Share? (Not sure yet!) What does Google Classroom look like at different grade levels? (We are working on this!) Can my child spend time off the screen - building, helping with chores, drawing, reading and being read to? (Yes!!!) Will there be MCAS? (Waiting to hear.) We haven't had time to use our Mission Hill School Twitter account and Facebook pages to share information, as there is just too much going on. Instead, Jenerra has been working on a new website for Mission Hill families and staff to help bring all our resources into one common place. Stay tuned for more on that in the days ahead. Meanwhile, the BPS coronavirus website has updates about as well. <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/coronavirus>



Geralyn Bywater McLaughlin

BREAKING:

GETTING OUTDOORS **NOT CANCELLED**
MUSIC **NOT CANCELLED**
FAMILY **NOT CANCELLED**
READING **NOT CANCELLED**
SINGING **NOT CANCELLED**
LAUGHING **NOT CANCELLED**
HOPE **NOT CANCELLED**

LET'S EMBRACE WHAT WE **HAVE.**

unsinkable.

Geralyn Bywater McLaughlin and
Jenerra Williams, Co-Teacher Leaders

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