

Friday, October 9, 2020

Dear Hale Families,

After a month of Distance Learning, things seem to be going pretty well. As I shared with the Hale PTA last night, Distance Learning is a work in progress. It's hard for staff, families, and children. We continue to listen to your feedback and discuss daily how we can improve.

Some updates as we move into the middle of October...

- There is **no school** for students on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week – October 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the break and challenge your children to put their screens away for a few days.
- **Fall Conversations**, otherwise known as parent-teacher conferences, will take place over a two week window that opened on Wednesday. If you have not yet scheduled time with your child's teacher, please reach out to them to do so.
- **Articulture Classes** are happening. See the Articulture link attached to this email.
- Wondering how to stay connected to Hale without setting foot in the building? Order **Hale Spiritwear** for the whole family. <https://halefieldspiritwear.square.site/>
- The **Hale Online Book Fair** is open until October 14th. Shop all the amazing options on Scholastic and expand your home library, buy gifts, or purchase the next book in your favorite series, all while supporting our amazing school!!! Please feel free to share the Hale link with friends and family! Contact Lisa @ [lisawbullard@gmail.com](mailto:lisawbullard@gmail.com), with ANY questions. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/haleelementaryschool5>
- Liz Roth, Hale's music teacher and Afterschool Learning Center (ALC) lead teacher, will be offering a course similar to the STEM Explorer course from summer, but with opportunities to tailor the course to the needs of Hale students who choose to enroll. Please see the attached pdf for more info. Contact [Elizabeth.roth@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Elizabeth.roth@mpls.k12.mn.us) with any questions
- **Extended Learning** is offering fall programming under the Gems-Gise-Stem umbrella similar to their summer programming. For more information, go to [https://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/g\\_g\\_s\\_after\\_school\\_program\\_2](https://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/g_g_s_after_school_program_2)
- **Community Education Classes** are also being offered this fall. Please find more at <https://sites.google.com/mpls.k12.mn.us/tealtitans/home>
- It's time to complete your **Application for Educational Benefits (AEB)**, previously known as the "Free and Reduced Lunch" form. Families of all incomes should complete this form each year. Every application matters! **Complete your form today!** Only one application is needed for all children in a family. <https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/application>
- **Student Meals during Distance Learning** will be available for families. However, pick-up days and locations will be a little different than summer. [https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21\\_school\\_year.html](https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21_school_year.html)

*"Empathy is not simply a matter of trying to imagine what others are going through, but having the will to muster enough courage to do something about it. In a way, empathy is predicated upon hope."*

*-Cornel West*