March 25, 2020

Dear Keystone Families,

What a week! It has been both very busy and much too quiet on campus. The staff has been in and out as they prepare lessons for Learning from Home and my heart is full seeing them even if it is for just a short time each day. We are diligently keeping our social distance while we work! The highlight of the week was overhearing some of the first Zoom meetings. The sound of the children talking, laughing, and sharing brought some joy to campus.  Thank you for your continued support this week.  Please find some updated information below!

* The Keystone Board of Directors met tonight, and will have an updated communication out to each of you by the end of the week.
* If you have not done so, please follow us on Social Media.

         [Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/KeystoneMontessoriAZ/](https://www.facebook.com/KeystoneMontessoriAZ/)

           [Instagram- https://www.instagram.com/keystonemontessoriaz/](https://www.instagram.com/keystonemontessoriaz/)

* We are keeping our social media platforms a “positive place” as we go through this time together and we are sharing daily updates from our families as they   implement Learning from Home.  If you have any good news, photos, or updates you’d like to share with the community, please email them to [heather@keystonemontessori.com.](http://heather@keystonemontessori.com)
* Each class is continuing educational support and Zoom meetings. Please watch for all emails through SchoolCues for updated information from your student’s Guides.
* Please feel free to email your Guides with questions! They are happy to help in anyway they can. We ask for your patience in allowing them 24-48 hours to get back to you. They will respond during school hours.
* We want to support you! If you have a small business we can support, please email [heather@keystonemontessori.com](http://heather@keystonemontessori.com) and she will work with you to promote your business on our Social Media pages and share information with our community. Also, please click here for our [business directory](https://www.keystonemontessori.com/keystone-families/files/documents/business%20directory.pdf). The businesses in the directory are all supporters of Keystone, and we hope you will frequent as many as you can during this time.
* Did you know we have a [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/KeystoneMontessori?feature=mhee)? I began posting “Bedtime Stories with Ms. Laura” so I can keep in touch with the children too!  You can find a direct link to our YouTube channel on our website in the upper right hand corner of the Home Page.
* The Keystone Montessori 25th Anniversary celebration has been postponed. While we are very sad to reach this decision, rest assured as soon as we are able, the planning will resume and we will celebrate together!
* As you know, from the last Board of Directors communication, Keystone will not be collecting tuition payments beginning in April while the state mandated physical school closures continue. We have no way of knowing if the closure will be extended and the staff is working tirelessly to support all of the students for as long as we need to! Learning from Home has been a success thus far and we will continue to provide the best possible support using any and all resources available.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for the members of our community who have reached out to let me know they fully intend to continue making their tuition payments to support us during this time. I understand the ramifications of this situation are affecting all of us in different ways. The decision to donate your upcoming tuition payments allows us to support all of our staff and specialists while the campus is physically closed.  I am humbled by your generosity, support, and good wishes.

We all miss the children very much, and can’t wait until we can all safely be together at school again. In the meantime, be safe and know we are thinking of you all!

Sincerely,

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Keystone Montessori