

August 4th, 2020

Dear Plaza Families,

The Plaza School Board approved the Learning and Safety Plan and a revised calendar with August 24th as a distance learning start date for students. Teachers will be on campus August 10th-20th preparing. During that time, your child's teacher will be available for a parent-student-teacher conference to discuss expectations, answer questions, and listen to concerns you have regarding distance learning. We realize this will be a challenge for many families and are exploring ways to accommodate you.

Please log into your <https://plaza.schoolwise.com/user/login> account to register your child(ren) for the 2020-21 school year and complete all the required forms. If you forgot your password there is a link for you to retrieve it. Kindergarteners will have information sent home explaining how to register.

The following link is for a survey for you to list days/times you will be available for a parent-student-teacher conference before August 24th. Please complete the survey before August 10th so we can schedule time with you and your child. The preferred method would be via video conference, but we can set up a phone conference too. <https://forms.gle/rwpcf1nAzBo6A2noG8>

Plaza School will provide a robust distance-learning program for all core subjects. However, it can only be effective with someone at home closely supporting students throughout each lesson. I recommend you put the most emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics because children cannot afford to get behind in any of these areas without having a negative educational effect. Also, it is imperative that kids have daily physical activity and that they are read to and are reading aloud daily. In addition, there are many creative ways that your child can practice number sense through fun activities that involve number recognition, counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

The state of California is requiring schools track attendance while kids are learning from home. Although I am not exactly sure how this will look yet, I do expect that students participate in learning and show academic progress. Teachers and classroom aides will offer video conferencing every day for academic instruction and support. This does not mean students must participate in video conferencing every day. I know technology, childcare, and time will make it difficult for many of you. We will do our best to provide opportunities outside the normal school day and will be flexible as long as your child is showing growth.

This is a stressful time for everyone, but I am confident we can work together to get through it. All of you choose Plaza School because you want the best educational experience for your children. We are committed to ensuring that our students have opportunities to learn and socialize, and will continue to explore ways to accomplish both safely and by complying with state and local mandates. In meantime, I encourage you to contact your county supervisor and the Glenn County Public Health Officer to remind them how school closures affect your children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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