

THE BEACH BROADCAST



Hi Beach friends!

Mr. E, Ms. I and Ms. Megan here! For those of you who do not know us, we are the REAP team at Beach. Together Mr. E and Ms. Megan run the all day Reflections program and Ms. I leads the Solutions SUN School program, both for 3rd - 5th grade.

What is REAP?

Glad you asked! REAP is a year around multi-cultural youth leadership program committed to empowering the next wave of leaders (We're looking at you 3rd, 4th and 5th graders!) Our goal is to proactively ignite, elevate and engage all students to be global leaders through civic engagement, entrepreneurship and cooperative management (conflict resolution) for a better future now.

Although we are all physically distant right now.... the REAP team still wants to connect with you! Soon we will have our own google classroom up and running and we will invite all of our REAP students. But for now feel free to email us any time and follow us on Insta for updates and uplifting content during these crazy times.

If you or your student is interested in becoming a REAP leader please email us!

We miss everyone at Beach and hope to be with you all again very soon. Please stay safe and healthy and let us know if you or your family needs anything, the REAP team is here for you.



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Ms. Katrina, our school counselor, has created a website that is updated daily with a very short and simple mindfulness exercise for kids and families to practice and a daily message from a talking pet. Parents/guardians can submit their pet's picture from the website so that it can give the daily message. You can also find resources related to family needs on the website along with contact information for Ms. Katrina.

<https://sites.google.com/ppp.net/beachschoolcounseling>

Hello, students and family from Beach Elementary!

The faculty at Beach have come together to create a word of encouragement to let you know how we are doing and how much we love and miss you all. Please take a moment to enjoy this video and we hope to see you soon.

I matter to Beach, Beach Matters to me!

<https://vimeo.com/406245826>

Technology Updates:

Distribution of a Chromebook for ALL (students that need one will take place at the following locations: [BESC](#), [Franklin HS](#), [Jefferson HS](#), and [Roosevelt HS](#). Sites will be open from 9AM-4PM. Dates for device check-out: April 9-10, and April 13-17. If needed more dates will be made available.

Any of the following items will allow a parent or a student to pick up a device:

Student ID card with student ID number, Student ID number only, Students first and last name, and date of birth .

Additional Information:

All information will be checked in Synergy to confirm the student identity.

Families can check out for multiple students at the same time.

Families can check out devices for relatives that live in the same household.

A Message to Families about Screentime:

<http://view.common-sense.org/?qs=5297553585ba6d0b6ed5c052e8bf0dedb0dabceafbbe17af91d85bd66108dcd5f8fb80e1b04491d95f06153c1387bd3f78f11dfc1eb2db890b7dfdcd76913917515f8d9638019a492873c3d91b00ab743373b92b146ed6c2>

Hello from your Beach School Climate Coach

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are working really hard right now to make sure every family has their basic needs met as well as appropriate technology in their hands so every single Beach student is able to access their learning at this time. On top of that, classroom teachers have created amazing online platforms and are in constant communication with you all. I feel grateful to work with such inspired, inspiring and dedicated individuals. What a team!

No matter what your work situation, having kids at home all day during these stressful times is a huge challenge for lots of us. I have a 4th grader and a kindergartner at Beach that I am caring for and trying to support academically while juggling all-consuming work needs at this time. Waves of anxiety and worry hit me frequently. During these times, I am likely to take these feelings out on my own kids. I'll snap at them or we'll snap at each other. Usually, after this happens, we all just need to go into separate spaces to calm down. Often, if I step away to calm down and then admit my own wrong to my kids, it helps. Children are both forgiving and resilient and I'm trying to model for them how to "clean up" mistakes so that we can move on together and not hold resentment in. It is a huge challenge, but remember to give yourself grace and patience in these times. Hopefully we'll all be stronger for it.

Beach teachers are working so hard to be in touch with every family and get everyone the resources they need. Thank you for also giving them grace and patience as they try to bring community and joy to your children at the same time they've been tasked with the monumental feat of creating a virtual learning program within a couple of weeks. Many of your teachers have already shared their student expectations for live class meetings during this ever-evolving process, and below is a summary of what is helpful for many teachers.

Virtual Class Meeting Tips for Parents:

- Make sure that your child clearly understands that the mute button should be on for them unless they are speaking and that they are in control of only their own mute button.
- Every child is different, but many 3rd-5th graders will benefit from being left alone and separate during the class meeting time. This allows them to take instruction from their teacher and not feel distracted by people around them.
- If your child is feeling wiggly and needs to move, have them turn off the video for a moment to get the wiggles out so as not to distract other students.
- In the first few weeks, your child will likely need support managing their time and figuring out the online platforms. However, it is important for them to start developing independence and so letting them problem-solve issues on their own can be the right choice for a lot of kids.
- Teachers are working on ways to give feedback, and if your student doesn't understand a concept right away, your teacher and our team will be working on ways to support them moving forward.