

THE BEACH BROADCAST

Staff Voice Section

Molly Sheean: Something new that I've tried while social distancing is a Zoom book club meeting, it was really fun!

Katrina de Boer: Something new I've tried is jumping double dutch. Hopefully videos of this fiasco will follow. Anyone know of an easy video editing program? I tried learning this last year. Fail. It requires 4 people. One to jump, two to spin the ropes (this is where the fighting happens), and one to take video. Fortunately, I have 4 people sitting on top of each other and no one else to hang out with.

Amanda Wilson: Something new I've tried is making my bed every morning! Turns out, it is my work/teaching space. So, I figure it better look tidy!!

Christina Lockett: Something new I've tried while social distancing is cooking and baking more!

Julianne Stevens: I'm trying listening more, noticing more, and writing a poem a day.

Hi Beach families, thanks for all the lovely emails, comments, videos and other kind notes you've been sharing with me! Seeing your smiles and hearing from you is lifting my spirits and reminding me of why the Beach community is so special. I know some families have been worried about how our school closure will impact readiness for the next grade in the fall. As we face the challenge of distance learning together, I want to reassure families that while our academic expectations will remain high, we are also experiencing an unprecedented challenge to instruction that has far reaching impacts. This isn't something that's happening to us, it's something we're walking through together. Please know that your teachers have open minds and open hearts, and that flexibility and creativity will be at the forefront when we come back together. Your teacher next year will know about the obstacles that distance learning presents because they will have experienced them too, from the teaching side and with their own children. I think readiness will look a little differently than it has in the past, because the world and our school look differently than they have in the past. Something that won't change, however, is how much your teachers care about our learners and how willing they are to help our kids succeed. I'm looking forward to the time when we can be together again.

Warmly,
Ms. Frazee

Keys

Found on 3/20: Ring with Ford key, 2 other keys and 2 decor items. Please email Lisa, lhawking@pps.net, if you are missing your keys or know whose they might be.

Newsletter Feedback Form

Please let us know what you find helpful, and any requests you have, by responding to this [Newsletter Feedback Form](#). We will check it for new content each week and evolve our process as we go.

Dear Beach Parents and Families,

I hope this message finds each of you healthy and safe. I know your lives are filled with all kinds of challenges and stresses during this time, and my heart, as well as the hearts of each of our staff members, is with you and your child(ren).

Our Beach staff warms my heart in some way, in every hour of every day (probably even while I'm asleep and dreaming). I have been so incredibly touched and impressed with the efforts and care of our team, even though it very much represents who we are and what we do together anyway. Every week our teachers meet in various online teams. The focus of all our efforts in what we are preparing for children is on creating meaningful, joyful connections-- student to student as well as staff to student, whether one-one, in small groups, or in large groups. I hope that all our Beach children will soon be able to participate in the meetings teachers are arranging for the students they serve; yesterday a small group of our staff delivered PPS devices to 90 of our students who didn't have one yet, and we are working on wifi for at least 10 families, so we are getting there. Hearing staff describe the joy they feel connecting with your children is so filling. Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback on how our efforts are working out for your child or family... We truly want to serve you the best we can and only you can tell us what we can do better or differently, to do more or less of, etc.

I know many of you are worrying about your child's learning especially as you're finding yourselves supporting it so closely... teachers were sharing this in the team meetings I mentioned. Ms. Frazee has written a little message for you in response to this in this week's newsletter. Please don't ever underestimate the power of reading together, joyfully, with your child (no matter their age-- I still do this with my 18 and 20 year olds!) for 5-10 snugly minutes, and talking (even just one sentence each) about what the text is making you think and wonder. Do this with any text! Song lyrics, poems, grocery lists, appropriate, more interesting kinds of news, and of course, favorite books. Without question, if we have to pick one thing only, that's the most high leverage thing parents can do to support children's learning across all content areas.

In addition, you may be wondering about all of the screen time that your child is getting. Here is a very helpful and short article Ms. O'leary has found us; [Should I feel guilty about all the screen time my kid is getting right now?](#)

Take care and stay healthy,
Lisa

Hello Beach Families,

Even though the school campus is closed, the Beach Health Room is still here for you. We are available to answer non-emergency health questions and COVID-19 specific information. See the phone number and email below to contact us!

Here are some resources and information:

- The Multnomah County Student Health Center at Parkrose High School is still open from Monday to Friday. Call ahead to arrange an appointment at (503) 988-3392.
- If you are concerned about your or someone else's mental health, you can call Multnomah County Crisis Services at (503) 988-4888 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Interpretation services available.
- COVID-19 information seems to change daily. Call 211 or visit the COVID-19 webpages for the CDC or OHA for the latest information. We can also answer your questions.

It is easy to become overwhelmed right now. Don't forget, we are all in this together, Beach!

Sincerely,
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