



**George R. Martin
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Good Afternoon Aitken and Martin Families.

We hope that all of you continue to be well. We want to thank everyone for their patience as our teachers and staff are designing their lessons by using online classroom platforms to effectively reach all of our students. It is important that you set limits on the times students are working each day. Make sure students are not spending more than half of a regular school day on their work. Teachers are well aware of the stressors that come with distance learning, and their main purpose is to continue engaging students. If you see your child struggling or becoming frustrated, it is OK to let them know that they can leave the assignment and move on to something else. Please remember to not record or take screenshots of any online meetings your students have when they engage when their teachers.

In an effort to help you navigate the technology aspect of learning, the Technology Department is going to offer Technology Nights next week. Here is the information provided by our Director of Technology, Mrs. Colleen Terrill:

“The library media specialists along with Beth Haselton, Elementary Tech and I are going to host virtual parent tech nights next week for each school starting at 7:00pm. We know how difficult distance learning is for the parents too, so we want to support them as well. We are also building a Google Site for tips just for the parents.”

Monday, April 6th: Martin:

Meeting ID

<https://zoom.us/j/717973114>

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 402-868-0097

PIN: 463 889 379#

Tuesday, April 7th: Aitken:

Meeting ID

<https://zoom.us/j/343429446>

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 321-586-0578

PIN: 573 542 032#

Wednesday, April 8th: SHS:

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/tmu-jxnh-rvf

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 573-525-9315

PIN: 351 170 896#

Thursday, April 9th: Hurley:

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/icu-siaj-fwn

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 415-656-8956

PIN: 851 250 441#

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We understand that students might be feeling stress and anxiety during the closure, especially not being able to physically interact with friends. Mrs. Ginny Miller, our District Social Emotional Coach has asked us to let you know that on Mindfulschools.org on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 1:00 there is a live mindfulness class for kids. This is to help reduce feelings of stress or anxiety. Mrs. Miller also posted a short video for assistance. <https://youtu.be/bQGLti-adDg>

We will continue to support you in any way we can. We miss all of you. Although our buildings are empty and quiet, we are impressed each morning, all day and into the evening by the many ways you are learning from home and all the ways your teachers are reaching out to you.

Finally, there will be no school on Friday, April 10th to commemorate Good Friday. There will be no School April 20th for Patriots Day. Spring Vacation (April 21st-24th) will be a topic of discussion at the April 13th School Committee meeting.

We wish that all of you remain healthy and safe.

Mr. Lush
Mr. Haidemenos
Mrs. Hutchins
Mr. Graf