

# Greasewood Springs Community School

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## Giving Students a Competitive Start



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### **Letter to Parents and Guardians – update on Distance Learning GSCS 2020-2021**

On August 17, we entered a new way of teaching – Distance learning. Distance learning is a new way of teaching for all of us. As we proceed, our plan is to consistently improve the remote learning process. We are expecting there will be glitches along the way. Be assured that our staff and administration are tackling those issues as we move along. Our instructional team will continue to work hard behind the scenes to make distance learning as beneficial and smooth as possible. As always, our ultimate aim is to ‘Give Students a Competitive Start’.

Thank you for your positivity and flexibility as we strive to do what is best for ALL of our students and staff during these challenging times. Stay safe and healthy!

*Lucinda Barney Geddes, Principal*

#### **Message from our Head Teacher**

Welcome to the beginning of the most unusual school year for GSCS. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward through these challenges together. I will keep you abreast as much as possible as we resolve issues with long distance learning. Updates include the following:

1. A uniform Teacher/Student Contact Log will be forward to you via email. The expectation is to make an initial contact on the first day of long-distance learning with all students and parents, there after contact should be documented at least 3 times a week; preferable Monday, Wednesday, and end of the week.
2. All students who have officially enrolled by August 17, 2020 will be counted as being present for instruction and given credit for attendance this week. As soon as NASIS is uploaded and prepared for long-distance attendance monitoring, adjustments will be made.
3. A Learning Tracking Log is given to parents to manage and monitor daily instructional activities to document how much time is spent daily on schoolwork and interaction with teachers via phone call or zoom. This is to ensure parental support and accountability in staying on task for

all involved in the learning process.

4. The Schoology Learning Management System student access code is the next focus and will be ready when NASIS is able to support the Schoology Learning Management System.
5. Grading student assignments will continue as outlined in the GSCS Student Handbook. All completed assignments will be returned and graded. The drop off areas and designated times will be Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the old gymnasium; other option for drop-off is the white wooden box by the front entrance.

Upcoming activity:

August 31, 2020 – Long Distance Learning begins for FACE Program