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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We finished our first month of distant learning at P.T. Coe in great fashion and our students are really starting to feel comfortable online! Our teachers have been working non-stop to find ways to enhance their instruction and fully utilize all of the digital resources available. A big THANK YOU to the parents as we continue to work out any "bugs" or technical issues that arise. I am confident that each week it will get easier to navigate for both our students & teachers. I also want to thank our students for staying focused, and not eating and drinking by their Chromebooks. Please see below for some important information for parents:

Just a reminder that all students should be logging into their google classrooms at the indicated start time for each period on the bell schedule. Please communicate with your teacher for any technology issues. Students are expected to stay for the entire duration of the online class.

Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students, staff and families. We continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures as defined in our, district plan and we strongly encourage you to visit our Isaac School District Site for any updates, links, and helpful resources.

Again, please feel free to call the school if you have any questions

Thank you, Chelsia Y. Stallworth
(Principal P.T. Coe)

21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM-

The afterschool program is again in full swing (online for now) and we are still taking in students for our classes. Feel free to take a look at the classes listed below and if you are interested, reach out to your student's teacher to register.

Breakfast Club - Meets everyday from 8:15-8:45 a.m. This program offers your student a more one on one approach to helping your child with their homework or any other work that is due in their class. Class will also be using videos, Kahoot, and virtual field trips to further enhance their educational experience. Open to all grades

Free After Three - Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This program offers your student a more one on one approach to helping your child by providing instruction and activities which promote vocabulary development which builds our students reading skills. Open to grade 3-5

Mad Scientists STEM Club- Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 2:30-4:30. This program offers your student an opportunity to explore the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through a variety of resources. This might include games, videos, computers, and 3D printers. This class is open to grade 4 and 5 only.

Priceless Brains English Club - Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This program prepares students to be fully engaged with their communities. English learners benefit by being informed and achieving a level of inclusiveness that enhances their lives. Open to grades 1 through 3

Rubik's Cube Club - Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This program In addition to learning how to solve the Rubik's Cube helps teach many life lessons such as following direction, perseverance, memorization and focus. If your program is more academically focused, our Rubik's Cube units and lessons address a variety of STEM concepts and critical thinking skills. Open to grades 3 through 5.

Alpha Cobras- Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. This program will focus on beginning reading with an emphasis on Phonemic Awareness, Rhyming, Phonics, and Fluency. Open to grades 1 through 3.

The Fly Guy STEM Club - Meets Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. This program gives students a hands on chance to build things that fly out of ordinary household materials. Whether building six foot high hot air balloons, or launching catapult gliders through the air, kids learn about aerodynamics, physics and history while their imaginations take flight. Open to all grades.

8 REMOTE LEARNING TIPS FOR PARENTS HELPING AT HOME

These are intended to be a set of basic tips that are true for most remote learning situations.

1. Set (and keep) a schedule

The closer this is to a 'school schedule,' the easier it will likely be on everyone. You obviously can (and probably should) revise whatever you come up with at first to fit your circumstance at home (your work schedule, sleeping schedules, etc.). But once you've got something that works, stick to it. And this almost certainly means to use some sort of timer to at least clarify how much time is being spent on what.

2. Make sure they have any materials necessary to complete all assignments

Whether its pencil and paper, a stable WiFi connection, log-in information for all accounts, a PDF reader, or **note-taking apps** or **reading strategies**—whatever they need to get the work done.

3. Provide an environment conducive to learning

This isn't always easy. If they're too isolated, it's difficult to check in with them. If they're at the kitchen table, depending on the child or their environment, they may be too distracted. This is even more challenging when everyone is home and the house is full.

Background noise can help, as can music. Study Music can help everyone from needlessly scrolling social media or checking for messages too frequently.

4. Create a daily plan

Creating a daily plan isn't just a matter of scheduling. A daily plan looks at the schedule and then identifies to-do items for that day and combines the two for a specific plan for that specific day.

5. Don't teach—help them understand

Helping students understand is one of the more obvious remote learning tips for parents. This could be the topic for an entire book because how this happens is complicated and varies

greatly from student to student and grade level to grade level and content area to content area.

Imagine the parent of a second-grade student helping them complete an essay on their favorite cookie versus the parent of a high school senior helping them with a Calculus problem or an analysis of Shakespearean versus Petrarchan meter. The former is a matter of sitting with your child, while the latter is going to likely require that you learn alongside your child—or even learn it first yourself and then review it with them after.

The bottom line is that helping your child understand the content is definitely part of the 'bare minimum' range of tips.

6. Make sure all work is completed

And any work that remains incomplete is incomplete for a good reason and has a time-bound, actionable next-step (e.g., email the teacher asking for clarification on step 3

of the activity so that you can turn it in tomorrow by noon).

7. Help them check messages and communicate with school

Check for messages daily from teachers and other students and make sure to reply to any messages that require one.

8. Keep in mind that it's about the child, not the work

This can be difficult for some parents to keep in mind when there is so much pressure (on everyone) to complete the work. And further, this is obviously a parenting philosophy—for some families, it very well may be a matter of discipline to do what you're told and 'do well in school.' If that's true, this tip may not be useful. But if you believe that assignments should serve the child rather than the child serve the assignments—or that this is at least partly true—then don't over-emphasize 'getting everything done' over the well-being of your child.

FROM THE HEALTH DESK

FREE FLU Shots and COVID-19
Testing
Saturday, September 26, 2020 -
7am - 12 pm
Isaac Middle School
3402 W McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ
85009



ANNOUNCEMENTS-

P.T. Coe will have Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences on:

Wednesday September 30th 1:00-3:30
Thursday October 1st - 1:00-6:30
Friday October 2nd - 1:00-3:30

Your child's teacher should have reached out to you to schedule your child's day and time. If you have not been contacted to

schedule your conference, please reach out to your child's teacher. Again, this is a virtual conference. There will be no in person conferences held at the school

Student of the Month Assembly-
Thursday, October 1