

Troopers Team Newsletter

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Even though we did not have school this past week, we still thought it was important to send out our Trooper News!

The four of us have been texting each other this week—and even had an online meeting with all the 6th grade teachers, Mrs. Olmstead, and Ms. Rodgers.

Please know that we all miss you and hope to see you soon!

Students,

I hope everyone is enjoying the time off. Be safe and we will meet again for some awesome learning. Until then, miss you guys. -- Mrs. Fig

Hi to my ELA students and families!

I miss all of you so very much! I've been posting general "hello" and "what's up" information on Google Classroom to stay in touch. If you are not connected to GC, go to my website and the class codes are there. Please join so we can stay in touch as best we can. I'll be reviewing the distance learning materials and making some suggestions Monday. Until we see each other again, stay well, stay positive, and know I'm thinking about each of you daily!

-- Mrs. Gabbard

Hey there!

First of all, let me say again how much we all miss you guys...I miss hearing your laughter in the morning as you enter the 1100 hallway, miss your eyes rolling as we tell you to get to homeroom (hehe!), miss your smiles when you find out a notebook check is a 10% grade instead of a 40% grade....I miss it all.

Like Mr. Hipps, I've been staying busy to keep the worry away...I have also signed up for multiple online classes (like, why not just one? I have no idea!). I'm over on Google Classroom like Mrs. Gabbard. We will recognize weekly birthdays over there—just like we do on our Google Slides at the beginning of each week. I'm trying to post "This Day In History" facts, too. Of course—and this should come as no surprise—I've been reading! I'm currently halfway through "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" by Jason Reynolds (my favorite) and Ibram X. Kendi. It's written for students, and I would HIGHLY recommend it. My reading pile includes these books: "Clean Getaway" by Nic Stone, "Deathless Divide" by Justina Ireland, and "Born To Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America" by Steve Sheinkin (he writes AMAZING nonfiction books!).

Take care of yourselves—be kind always, even when you feel crabby because you've been inside all day and anxious because this is a weird time—know that we think you guys are wonderful humans. If you can, keep in touch through Google Classroom or email.



--Mrs. Rabb

Dear Trooper Students and Families,

I hope you are all healthy and well. My purpose for this email is to let you know that I miss you guys and am thinking about you whenever I put my hands together. Like many of you, my knowledge and understanding of infectious diseases has ballooned. However, I am also doing my best to be productive and positive so that I can keep my mind away from the worry it wants to continuously drift to. Just in case you are asking yourself, I wonder what my science teacher Mr. Hipps is doing with this extra time, well I will tell you.

Currently, I am taking 4 online courses at once and driving myself crazy. Yes, I know one at a time would be smarter, but, oh well. I am also riding my mountain bike every day and doing odd jobs I usually put off. We Facetime every day with my extended family and talk often to our kids. I have noticed our Facetime gatherings are loud and boisterous, always leaving Cath and I feeling a little bit better. Yesterday, Cath and I went on a hike and saw what I bet is a bear cave. I included a pic (below)!

We are also doing what little we can to help those folks struggling much more than us, like donating food and eating take out way more than usual. Plus leaving extra tips for the wait staff. I am not trying to impress anybody here (let's face it, ordering take out is in no way a sacrifice). However, I am trying to make a point to my wonderful students. Do your best to help out your families! Your parents are under the kind of stress you feel when you get a test in science, social studies, and math on the same week your ELA project is due. So, my great students, learn something new, read books, stay positive, and use that word love just a little more often. Definitely get outdoors and discover your very own bear cave!

I miss you guys and am thinking about our Trooper families every day. If there is anything I can do, just ask.

Sincerely,
Mr. Hipps

