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Dear BCN Families,

We hope you all are well continuing to remain safe and healthy during this time. While our school buildings may be closed, learning is still happening and we are so thrilled with the level of participation! Keep up the great work! This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, please join us in thanking our teachers across the organization as we celebrate this special week by writing your child's teacher a note, sending an email or mini video or just shouting them out. Thank you for your support!

Please take a moment to read through the remainder of this email for important updates and reminders:

**Attendance During Remote Learning** : As a reminder teachers are taking attendance and a student will be considered present in a class for the week when participation occurs in *one or more* of the following ways:

- Participation in live classroom lessons
- Attendance at office hours
- Submitting assignments online and/or completing student work packets

*If your child is unable to participate in remote learning, you must provide a valid excuse for the absence. Absences can be reported by a phone call or email to your child's teacher, school main office or Head of School. If your child is experiencing attendance difficulties, please reach out so that we may help you navigate and challenges.*

**Grading:** All students are expected to complete assignments and feedback will be provided. Students in kindergarten through grade five will receive participation grades. Students in middle and high school (grades 6th through 11th) will be assigned a grade for their work completed. More information about your students grading policy can be found on our COVID-19 resources page [here](#).

**Calendar Changes:**

- The last day of school for students has been moved to Thursday, June 11th.
- Teachers and students will be off Friday May 22nd and no lessons will be prepared. Students may use that time as a catch-up day.

**Summer Programming:** We are planning for summer school and camp. We anticipate that these programs will need to take place virtually. We will be in touch once plans are finalized.

**Meal Distribution:** Meals are currently available two days a week. On Mondays families can pick-up 3 days of to-go breakfast and lunches and on Thursdays 4 days of to-go breakfast and lunches. Meals are available for pick up from 9-12pm at the Belmont Academy (907 N. 41st Street) for ANY child in need.

**Family Support Services** - These are uncertain times and we want our families to know that we are here as a resource. Our family support services program can help you navigate any challenges that your family may encounter during this time **including support and assistance with internet access, housing or food instability**. Please do not hesitate to reach out (267) 990-8284 and a member of our team will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

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