April 10, 2020

Dear SEED Community,

It’s Spring Break! The SEED School of Maryland (SEED MD) hopes everyone is getting rest during this time. This past week marks our first official week of virtual learning. While it hasn’t been perfect, we have collectively made tremendous strides.

We hope that you will join us virtually on Tuesday, April 14th for this month's PTO meeting where we will discuss the list below and answer questions that you might have.

**Topic:** Virtual PTO Meeting
**Time:** Apr 14, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**
https://zoom.us/j/593235411?pwd=b3ZZcWJmUkFqbzU0KzBCQ1IvTlNoUT09
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Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/aRyVPs3QQ

Here’s what we’ve learned over the last couple of weeks.

- We are still trying to reach 38 of middle school families to confirm the best mailing address. If you are friends with other SEED middle school parents, please help us spread the word so that we can ensure that every child has a device to complete their work. After the break, the school’s phone line at 410-843-9477 will resume being answered Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 4pm. Please note that calls are answered through a remote source and calls cannot be transferred.
- Upper School students are ready to go. This week we saw the best participation among SEED MD juniors and seniors. We are hoping to see that same enthusiasm and participation across every grade level.
- As we stated in our last communication, distance learning is something new for all of us in the SEED MD community. We have to teach all students how to engage as scholars when participating virtually.
- Students need reminders about what is expected. For this reason, we have provided a clear schedule. The academic courses and student life programming are not optional offerings. SEED MD is a boarding school and, as such, both our teachers and
student life counselors are expected to engage students virtually. Teachers and Counselors will continue to take attendance and we will follow up when students are absent.

We would also like to remind you about the following items shared in previous emails.

- **Student Expectations:** Please use this link to access a video that describes what will be expected of students. [Virtual Community Expectations](#).

- **Student Technology:** As the hotspots are received, laptops will continue to be mailed. Please remember the address on file will be used as the delivery address for the chromebook and/or hotspot and a signature will be required. If no one 18 years of age or older is home to sign for the package at the time of delivery, the package will not be left.

- **Website:** SEED MD has developed a COVID-19 website resource for the community. [https://www.seedschoolmd.org/general-covid19-info](https://www.seedschoolmd.org/general-covid19-info).

- **CTS Update:** SEED MD Junior/Senior Seminar Virtual Learning and Advising Plan is available through this link - [Class 2020-2021 Virtual Plan](#).

- **Training:** In preparation and support of our Distance Learning, we have created Trainings for Students and families that we believe are important for the success of the program. They can be accessed on our website. [https://www.seedschoolmd.org/continuity-of-learning](https://www.seedschoolmd.org/continuity-of-learning).

- **Admissions Update for SY 2020-2021:** The enrollment lotteries for 6th and 9th grade have been postponed. Applications will be received on a rolling admissions basis until further notice. We will accept applications for admissions for 6th and 9th grades until we can set new dates for the lotteries. In addition, the application completion rate is low. We are increasing our marketing to potentially include Facebook and Instagram. We are also finalizing a “virtual open house” that will provide a visual of our SEED MD campus. It will be available by mid-April.

Take care, wash your hands, stay well and stay home!

**Mrs. Asikoye & Ms. Evans**