August 18, 2020

Dear Montebello Unified School District Community,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year, via distance learning. We want to provide you with some updates about distance learning. Due to a nationwide demand in devices and school supplies, devices and school supplies are limited and shipments have been delayed from vendors. We will be having another distribution in a couple of weeks to distribute the remaining materials and supplies to students.

**Chromebooks**

We have two phases of Chromebooks distribution.

**Phase 1:** For grades Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 9, your students may have received a temporary loaner device. Once the shipment of our new devices arrive, we will exchange your current devices with new ones. Adult school students will be receiving new devices. There will be an opportunity for families and students to purchase the new devices at specified dates. All students, whether they decide to purchase the device or not, will receive a new device.

**Phase 2:** For grades Transitional Kindergarten, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12, be ready for an exchange of your current devices to new devices sometime during the second semester. There will be an opportunity for families to purchase the new devices at specified dates. All students, whether they decide to purchase the device or not, will receive a new device.

**Internet Hotspots**

An additional 22,000 internet hotspots were ordered and will be arriving shortly. Every student will receive a hotspot for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Basic School Supplies**

Basic school supplies were ordered and the elementary school supplies are currently being shipped to elementary schools. Intermediate school and high school supplies are being fulfilled and will be shipped soon. Schools will send notification to families on when these supplies can be picked up.

**Parent Workshops**

In order to support parents with distance learning and available resources, the district and schools will be hosting a series of virtual workshops with topics ranging from logging into programs, subject area
resources, social and emotional learning resources, and distance learning strategies. The first workshop for parents on distance learning will be held on August 20, 2020.

English Zoom Meeting  
August 20, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88217835740

Spanish Zoom Meeting  
August 20, 2020  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112816621

Special Education will be hosting two informational meetings to discuss the distance learning plan, related services and resources for students in special education on Tuesday, August 25 (Spanish) and Wednesday, August 26 (English) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The links to the meetings will be posted in your child's Google Classroom and the special education department's website.

Spanish Zoom Meeting  
August 25, 2020  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82836589749?pwd=TElhTTFtK0NSVUMydkY0eEdO0DNBZz09

English Zoom Meeting  
August 26, 2020  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86813607839?pwd=dHUwZktFWHdnMmVEckpuY09nQXFpRz09

Communication with School Personnel
The best way to communicate with school personnel is through email. The typical email address for personnel is in this format: lastname_firstname@montebello.k12.ca.us. You can also go to the school website and look under “Staff/Teachers” to find their email addresses.

There will be an opportunity for families and students to purchase the new devices at specified dates. All students, whether they decide to purchase the device or not, will receive a new device. Here are the dates of when students will be able to purchase their devices and when they will receive their new devices.
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Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to keep our schools and communities safe and support student learning.

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