



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

March 27, 2020

Dear Botelle Families,

I hope that you and your children enjoyed the beautiful spring weather today. Being outdoors has a calming effect, which is very helpful during times like this!

First, I want to thank you for your understanding, flexibility and partnership over these last two weeks. It must be a little difficult to imagine how this is all going to work, especially once we begin a more structured schedule with virtual instruction. The meetings scheduled next week will help us get started.

Consider attending one of the virtual **Distance Learning Parent Meetings** scheduled on Monday at 11am and 5pm. You can join the meeting in a variety of ways...

1. Log onto your child's iPad or Chromebook with his/her username and password and click on the Meet app. The meetings will be listed. Just click the one you want to join.
2. Click on the link to one of meetings listed on the Botelle School website. [www.botelleschool.org](http://www.botelleschool.org)
3. Call in. The number to join the meeting will also be on the website.
4. Click on one of the links here too.

[AM Distance Learning Parent Meeting](#)

[PM Distance Learning Parent Meeting](#)

Although a lot of academic and logistical information has been shared, the importance of social and emotional skills are never more apparent than during a crisis. Mrs. Chabot shared some resources to help. A digital copy of the letter she sent home is attached to this email so you can access the links directly. Once the website is updated with more resources for distance learning, we will include various social and emotional learning sites.

Finally, communication is important during this transition. Teachers are available, just like if school was open. They are checking email regularly and communicating through Class Dojo. In the coming weeks, you will be able to contact them through the digital learning platforms your children will be using. We will also be creating "office hours" for parents and students. Your child's teacher will provide more information on that soon.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions big and small. Especially if you are stuck with how to help your child with their work. We are happy to help! I am also working from home. You can email me, message me through Class Dojo or call me at 860-840-7818.

Have a nice weekend,

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