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Good Evening, Bel Aire Families,

I hope this message finds you well, and that everyone is healthy and beginning to adjust to our new, unusual realities. I don't have much in the way of *new* information to share, but I did want to reach out and say, **hello!**

In the spirit of *physical distancing*, but *socially connecting*, I've been playing around with some video and other media platforms for my daily messages to staff. Unfortunately, they're not quite ready for prime-time, as I'm still a little clumsy with the new (to me) technologies. So, instead I'm including a simple picture of me working from my kitchen table. If I looked strained... it's only because I had a five year old who really wanted to include bunny ears above me head. :)



**I am so proud of Bel Aire staff and their incredible, hard work over the last few days.** As *educators*, we are trying to maintain our professional integrity and our personal responsibilities. As *human beings*, we are redefining our priorities and restructuring our daily lives. I suspect many of you are battling with similarly enormous undertakings. **Now, is the time to act with grace and compassion toward ourselves and each other.**

One thing I've noticed in the past few days, is that we are all impacted by this new reality, but we are not all impacted *equally*. Differences in family structure, age, health, outside support, and employment obligations impact our availability, our capacity, and our experience. We are all however, being mercilessly confronted with change and uncertainty. So again, **be kind to**

yourselves and to others.

Thank you to those of you who have offered your support and suggestions. We are fielding more emails than usual and your patience is appreciated as you wait for a response. **We have prepared and deployed a two-week at-home learning plan, and are in regular conversations about revisions and possible improvements in light of potentially extended campus closures.**

RUSD schools are continuing to follow guidelines established by the Marin County Public Health Officer (more information [here](#)). While there is media buzz suggesting extended school campus closures, **RUSD campuses are currently adhering to the shelter-in-place order through April 7.**

I *hope* to get a video message out to the kids on Friday (the regularly-scheduled day for the curiously popular *Cala's Corner* on the Bel Aire TV Show). Until then, **please share my well wishes with your children. I miss the kids so much**, and am finding myself far more successful as a public school educator, than as a private home-schooler.

Be well.

Lexie Cala



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