

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

April 8th – Draw a Bird Day

April 20th - Distance learning to begin for Elementary School students

Stay Connected!

Take a few minutes to view this **video from our CES staff:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBqGjWjVOwM>

Don't miss out on important information from your child's teachers! Please view this [Canvas resource](#) from Mrs. Volker and ensure your notifications are set up correctly.

Also, be sure to check us out on Twitter: https://twitter.com/hcpss_ces



Welcome to April!

Fun Facts about the month of April...did you know that the two flowers of the month are the sweet pea and the daisy? The first Olympics of the modern era was held back in April 1896 in Athens, Greece. It also is the birth month of many famous people...Shirley Temple, William Shakespeare, Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo di Vinci.

I want to remind families to access the learning resources that are provided for each grade level on the HCPSS [Continuity of Learning website](#) for the period between March 30 and April 10 for high school students and for the period between March 30 and April 17 for middle and elementary students. These resources were developed to ensure continuity of learning for our students while our teachers, administrators and staff complete professional development training to prepare to provide the next phase of distance learning.

Also, a friendly reminder that April 6th thru April 13th is spring break for our HCPSS students. Enjoy! Our HCPSS staff will also be enjoying their spring break from Thursday, April 9th thru Monday, April 13th.

This week is Celebrate Public Health Awareness Week 2020. The theme for this year is “Looking Back Moving Forward”. Each day the National Public Health Organization will focus on a different theme in the public health arena. In light of our world’s health crisis, we want to recognize the sacrifice and dedication all our health professionals have given to their patients and clients. Thank you for your kindness, your care, and your commitment to your profession.

This week’s weather has spring written all over it! So, be sure to get outside and enjoy the blooming flowers, the bright sunshine, and warm air! We miss you all and can’t wait until we can all be together again at CES!

Warm regards,

Ms. Malcotti



Birthday Celebrations

The following students are celebrating a birthday this week. We want to wish them all a Happy Birthday!

April 4th – 10th

6th Camden Van Kirk

Nathan Liu

Timothy Wang

9th Isaac Chiang

Elizabeth Erskine

County Updates...

Student Device Distribution Update

Distribution of Chromebooks for use in distance learning began Thursday, April 2nd at three sites for high school students for high school students. Middle School and Elementary School Chromebook distribution will start soon. As a reminder, families who requested a device, either through the survey or directly from a staff member or interpreter, will be emailed directly with details on where and when devices can be picked up. Families who have not yet completed the [Student Technology Survey](#) are still encouraged to do so. More information about student devices is provided [online](#). If you haven't already heard from HCPSS regarding device pick-up for your child, please remain patient as we work through the logistics and contact families.

Internet Access. Families who do not have internet access may be eligible to participate in the [Comcast Internet Essentials](#) program. Those in rural or other areas without high speed internet

service may want to consider activating their smartphone's hotspot feature. We are also working to acquire Wifi Hotspots to support families lacking internet access. Additionally, we are working with our partners to find alternative solutions.

Check Your Canvas Notifications

Parents/guardians should check your Canvas notification settings to ensure you are receiving announcements, assignments and messages from teachers. Directions on [updating your parent profile and notification settings](#) are available online. Parents/guardians unfamiliar with Canvas may find it helpful to review the features in this [Canvas Orientation](#).

Account Self –Service for Students

Students now have the ability to reset their usernames and passwords, independent of teachers and staff. [Directions on using self-service](#) can be found online.



Draw a Bird Day – April 8th

Pencil, pen, felt tip or chalk, **Draw a Picture of a Bird Day** is great fun for everyone. It's very straightforward: simply draw a picture of a bird in tribute to our feathered friends, but if you fancy some diversity there's actually a wide range of options.

Will you draw a chicken or a chaffinch? Perhaps a peacock, penguin or puffin? If you'd prefer a goose, will it be of the Canadian, Red-breasted, Woods-walking or Spur-winged variety? And you'd be amazed by how many types of hawk there are prowling the skies!

If you'd like to learn more about birds, we recommend this [Wikipedia entry](#), but if you'd rather just have a bit of fun and get arty, why not share this occasion with your friends, family?

Have a competition to see who can draw the best or funniest bird, cover your fridge in sketches, find a chalkboard and create a beautiful aerial scene of spiraling swifts and swallows.
