



March 27, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I want to thank you all for your patience and your understanding during this challenging time to our school community. The impact of COVID-19 is affecting every aspect of our life and forcing Desert Trails Preparatory Academy to implement creative ways to adapt to the current situation. Therefore, DTPA will be transitioning to Distance Learning beginning Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> through the duration of the closure. Our staff has been working around the clock to acquire knowledge and setting systems in place to provide our scholars with lessons online. Our school website, [www.dtpacademy.com](http://www.dtpacademy.com), will provide information and support for scholars, teachers, and parents with curriculum and digital resources to support remote learning opportunities.

To access your child's classroom, please find your child's teacher on the website and click into their webpage. Here you will find daily digital lessons and activities for your child to complete. Parents will have access to their child's teacher through email and class communication apps such as Dojo/Remind/Bloomz. Each classroom teacher has established a class account and sent home passwords for parent set up. If you are in need of this information, please do not hesitate to email your child's teacher. Our teachers are still accessible for you. They are contracted for their normal school schedule, Monday through Thursday 8 am – 4 pm and Friday 8 am – 12 pm. Once our Distance Learning begins, you can expect contact with your child's teacher regularly. Teachers will be developing a regular rhythm to their daily routine and schedule so that you, at home, can establish a routine and structure as well to ensure your child is a successfully maintaining their skills and acquiring new knowledge as well. We will keep our school website up to date with links and resources for scholars and parents throughout this time as well. Should your family not have internet access, teachers have created a list supplemental resources that have been mailed to you.

The administration and staff at Desert Trails are very aware and sensitive of the impact this is having on families. Therefore, we want you to know that the expectation for you and your child

is to do your best. The most important thing is that our scholars are still being exposed to reading, writing, and basic math skills on a regular basis. Please read with your child daily and let them use their imagination in developing stories and writing journals. Let them explore math in day to day, real-world situations. Enjoy science and history films and documentaries and let them share with you what they have learned. More than anything, keep conversations and dialogue going with your child.

The staff at DTPA misses you all very much. We are hoping you are staying healthy.

Sincerely,

Debra Tarver, CEO

Tiffany Sutton, Principal