

Challenge Charter School

Arizona's First Official Core Knowledge School
2007 National Blue Ribbon School
2007 National Charter School of the Year



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Dear Challenge Charter School Community member,

The safety of our students and staff remains our number one priority!

Governor Ducey and State Superintendent Hoffman announced that all Arizona schools will be closed beginning March 16 through at least April 10th, 2020.

Challenge Charter School was already closed last week, March 16th – 20th, for spring break and will now also be closed until after at least April 10th, 2020. This includes the school's office and all before and after school programs and classes in addition to the regular school day.

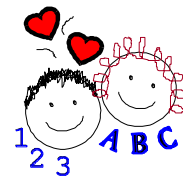
The official announcement and letter from Governor Ducey and Superintendent Hoffman can be found here: <https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/>, along with additional guidance on COVID-19. The AZ Department of Education recommends checking here for daily updates.

There is reason to believe that the closure could extend beyond April 10th and we would encourage you to make plans for that possibility. We are preparing accordingly.

We already miss our Eagles very much!!

Our teachers and team are working hard to offer the best virtual classrooms available anywhere and are excited to partner with you to provide continued education learning opportunities of the highest level for your CCS Eagle(s) at home.

We will be using Google Classroom as our primary communication and file sharing tool between students and their teacher. Your child's Google Classroom can be accessed from almost any internet connection with no cost. Your classroom teacher will send you your log in information and is excited to see and interact with your student daily keeping our classrooms unified.



Looking for the hidden gifts will always lighten the burdens and fear associated with new or difficult circumstances and challenging times. What a rare opportunity to be asked to shelter in with our loved ones, to rest, reconnect with our families in our homes, and wrap around our elders. We encourage you to use this time to teach and share family lessons, stories, traditions, chores, and food preparation. Read and play games together. Replace fear and your busy daily routines with family memories and new skills shared by spending time with your kids.

We will remain flexible and understanding of your potential time and technology limits to respond and follow the lessons sent home. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding with us as well as we enter uncharted waters together and work to continue and provide your child with the best opportunities possible.

We will continue to share additional school and community resources and updates as they are made available to us.

Meals Resources:

These local food banks and food pantries are prepared to help families in need. Since CCS families live throughout the valley, several locations throughout town are included:

Phone Numbers:

St. Mary's Food Bank General Information Line (602) 242-FOOD (3663)

Hope for Hunger (602) 773-4344

Desert Mission Food Bank (602) 870-6062

Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank (623) 932-9135

Local Food Bank websites:

Foodbanks.net

Azfoodbanks.org

Firstfoodbank.org (St. Mary's Food Bank)

Needhelpayingbills.com (Phoenix Food Pantries)

Thank you for your support!

Principal Wendy Miller