Montessori for the 21st Century:  
A Place to Learn, A Place to Belong.

March 17, 2020

Dear Free Horizon Families,

We hope the first day of your child’s remote learning has been a success! Our staff worked diligently to create an online learning environment in a matter of days, and I am so grateful to them for their efforts. I am also grateful to you, our families, for your flexibility and support during this time of uncertainty. We look forward to working with you, one day at a time, to create as much consistency as possible.

A few reminders for students and families:

- This time of transition can be challenging for children and families. If you or your child need social-emotional resources, please feel free to contact one of our mental health professionals
  - Crystal Christy, Counselor cchristy@jeffcoschools.us
  - Megan Francisco, School Psychologist mjfranci@jeffcoschools.us

- Teachers are making themselves available to answer parent and student questions during the provided scheduled times. Please don’t hesitate to reach out and ask - no question is too small; we are all learning together

- If you have a question related to technology, you may contact our technology team:
  - Megan Wells mmwells@jeffcoschools.us
  - Seth Adcock 157628e@jeffcoschools.us

- What to say when your child starts to question how this work is true to the Montessori Method? Dr. Montessori wanted children to be prepared for the world they live in today. Technology and flexibility are critical components of today’s world. We know this will allow children to practice these important practical life skills while continuing to access the rich subject matter of the Montessori classroom in a unique way.

- Remember, online learning is just one piece. Take time to get outside, go for a walk, cook, play board games, and provide unstructured time between Remote Learning Activities for your child to just create. The world is also their classroom.

Our top priority is making sure you and your family stay safe and healthy at this time. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness. Assuring that this time affords continued opportunities for learning can only happen with your encouragement and providing your child the time
and space to engage with the Remote Learning activities. We are grateful to be working in partnership through this unique time.

“The child has a mind able to absorb knowledge. He has the power to teach himself.”  -Dr. Maria Montessori

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