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## ***Fruchthendler Elementary School***

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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Although this school year is beginning with a lot of uncertainty regarding the virus and schooling during a pandemic, I can tell you that our teachers and staff continue to amaze me. Their willingness to plan, meet and take countless hours of professional development (all virtually) during the summer months is proof they want the very best for our all our students (remotely or in person) and are ready for the school year.

The following is the best way I can explain (at this time) what to expect as we begin to re-open the school in phases:

**Phase 1- August 10-** Everyone learns remotely, all teachers and all students teach & learn remotely from home.

**Phase 2- August 17-** Remote learning from home continues with teachers teaching the majority of our students remotely from home. In-school remote learning for those students needing to come to school. These students will tune into the lesson and be proctored by any member of our staff who volunteers or another TUSD employee, in a learning space at Fruchthendler. There will not be an opportunity for socializing, like we know and appreciate. Students will be provided stretch breaks like those learning from home and a morning recess and lunch recess (it will not look like it used to or what we hope it will be like someday in the near future).

**Phase 3-** When the virus is under control (deemed by the experts)- Remote learning from home for students whose families choose to stay with this option and in-school learning in the classrooms. Teachers returning to the building will teach real lessons and provide students independent work online. This will be done so that if the school closes, students can transition back to online learning with ease.

Many of our traditions, events & clubs that make Fruchthendler special and unique are on hold for the time being. But each teacher and staff member will be doing everything they can to build relationships with our new and returning students and their families. Both "Meet the Teacher" and "Open House/Curriculum Night" this month will be done independently online with your child's teacher. They will be informing you of the dates and times so that you can plan accordingly.

I thank you very much for continuing to be our partners in educating our children. I realize after the last several months, this takes on a whole new meaning and your efforts this past Spring are to be commended. We are grateful to have you as a member of our Fruchthendler community and we look forward to what this year brings, it can only make us stronger!

**Together**, we will build a strong partnership for the success of our children.



Mary Anderson, Principal