

May 8, 2020

Dear Lower School Families:

It was wonderful to see so many Lower School children and colleagues gather today at our **second**, **virtual K-4 Lower School Assembly!** As well, we've so enjoyed seeing many of our children participate in Afternoon Enrichment Classes, Marvelous May Friday Events, and the "Workout with Friends," led by P.E. Teacher, Edson Elcock.

Beginning next week, additional classroom specific (KA, KB, KC, 1A ...), "live" sessions with Specialist Teachers will be offered.

Spanish will now be offered live, for each classroom K-4, with Gabriela and Myriam.

In addition, Kindergarten children can enjoy live dance and music sessions with Nancy and Jules. First and Second Grade children will have an opportunity to participate in live dance classes with Helen. Third Graders will enjoy live music classes with Piper.

Please click on your grade level link to find your class schedule which includes the **live specialist** offerings for your class:

Kindergarten Synchronous Schedule First Grade Synchronous Schedule Second Grade Synchronous Schedule Third Grade Synchronous Schedule Fourth Grade Synchronous Schedule

Your child's classroom teachers will share the specialty class Zoom links in their Sunday communication.

You will continue to find assignments from specialist teachers on Seesaw. We have reduced the number of assignments that any one specialist teacher will push out on Seesaw. If a specialist teacher offers a live class, in general, they will not push out an assignment on Seesaw to that grade. We believe that the combination and balance of Specialist Class offerings - synchronous (live) and asynchronous (recorded) - will be engaging for your child and more manageable for your family. Please continue to check the Specialist Seesaw feed on Mondays and Wednesdays for new assignments.

It is our hope that your child will participate in one or two specialty classes per day, yet all specialist classes and activities, synchronous and asynchronous, remain a joyful invitation.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

In friendship,

Jacquelyn Condie, Head of Lower School Katie Banks, Assistant Head of Lower School for Academics