Thursday, April 2, 2020

Dear Athenian Parents:

As we near the end of our third week of distance learning, there is much to appreciate. Thank you for your adaptability and receptiveness to frequent communications during this time. These communications will slow over spring break, and pick up again as we resume learning afterwards. We will be making our COVID-19 webpage more robust to include all key communications and resources for our parent community, so please check it for updates in the coming week.

Many of you have asked about spring break activities for your children and the whole family. Here are a few recommendations that have come our way that we think may be of interest. And while learning is important, don’t forget to embrace this opportunity for stillness and reflection.

- **Common Sense Media**: The recently released [Wide Open School](https://www.wideopenschool.org) platform offers a great scheduling and content solution for home-based education. Options include traditional academics, fitness, life skills, arts and more.
- **Virtual Museum Visits**: While we can’t travel the world right now, we can virtually visit some of the world’s greatest museums!
  - [Le Louvre](https://www.louvre.fr/en)
  - [The British Museum](https://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)
  - [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](https://www.metmuseum.org)
- **Oakland Zoo**: [Behind-the-Scenes Live](https://www.oaklandzoo.org/live) takes you inside the Oakland Zoo five times a week! You’ll see animals up-close and personal, and meet the amazing animal keepers and veterinarians who care for them. (The cost
for this new subscription service is $9.95/month for members and $14.95/month for non-members.)

Please take a moment to view my Thursday video. You'll hear from me again at this time next week. In the meantime, enjoy some time outdoors, and remember to take good care of yourselves.

With gratitude,

Eric F. Niles