

Dear Khalsa Families,

How can online learning benefit children during a time of crisis and uncertainty?

We believe it gives them a feeling of comfort and confidence, through a sense of connection. It helps them focus on the people and learning community they love and depend upon- not on the shock of a starkly different lifestyle or the fear of what the future may bring.

What Khalsa teachers have accomplished in three weeks:

- Our faculty was up and ready to offer connections with families virtually or by phone on Monday, March 23rd after Spring Break
- We have had 100% faculty participation since starting our new modes of learning
- Khalsa Learning Hubs were placed on the website to facilitate appropriate student engagement
- Online connections have been offered including zoom class meetings, cultural activities, book discussions, reading, lessons, YouTube videos, office hours, lunchtime chats and more
- Toddler and Primary staff have created learning packets for those families interested in picking up hands-on project materials
- Yoga classes have been provided to elementary and middle school students through YouTube videos
- Upper elementary teachers have continued to support their students with their research projects
- Middle school students have continued to work on their cycle work

While acknowledging that these modes of learning are not as beneficial as in-person learning in the classroom, these virtual connections none the less are helping to create an emotional safety net for Khalsa children, as they try to understand this unprecedented and “unreal” global event. We are amazed at how quickly most students have adjusted to this new educational environment and we plan to continue online learning over the remaining weeks of this school year.

Our first priority is the health and safety of every child, parent and staff member. We look forward to when we will meet in person again. We want to assure families that the Montessori philosophy is uniquely suited to tailoring students’ educational instruction to meet them wherever they are when normal, in person instruction resumes. Academics is only one facet of a holistic education and we encourage families to practice self-care and spend quality time with each other.

The faculty and staff are “here” for you. Please email your lead teacher or call the phone number for your respective campus with any requests or concerns.

May you be well,

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