

Good evening Mohave families, this is the proud principal, Chris Asmussen, calling with this weeks announcements.

First, I want to thank our parents for taking on the role of teacher's aide and working with your children and keeping our students engaged. We continue to have high engagement.

We know that school can be stressful under normal circumstances, adding online instruction, COVID 19 challenges, and isolation in quarantine increases stress and anxiety. However, the routine of school, staying connected to teachers and completing coursework can also productively fill the time in isolation. Our students are honing their perseverance and resiliency skills.

Scottsdale Unified has released grading guidelines to ensure that no student is academically harmed during this time. Please be reassured that our teachers and counselors are engaged in continual conversations to find the right balance between high academic standards and care and compassion for their students. Further, I continue to encourage families to look at other measures of success beyond percentages and grades. Life skills, like "stick-to-it-ness", supporting claims with evidence and reasoning, and maintaining organization can be better measures of success.

Please remember that all teachers hold office hours daily from 10 to 11 AM. We are noticing that many students are submitting work late in night and it appears that their daily routines are shifting to a nocturnal schedule. We encourage to you to get your students up and engaged during usual school hours so they can ask questions of teachers and get the help and support that is not available late at night. We understand this is easier said than done, but we ask that you try.

Finally, please don't hesitate to reach out to administration for clarification and assistance, and our counselors remain available to meet the social and emotional needs of our families. Please do not hesitate to reach out for support from the school.

Oh, and one last thing ... we are beginning to process refunds. Please note that this will take us quite some time, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

I hope that your family is safe; I know that Mohave is Mighty. Good night.