

## VPS Community

I hope this email finds everyone well and enjoying their Spring Break!

Yesterday, March 14, *Redlands Unified School District* (RUSD) announced that its schools will remain closed until Monday April 6. As previously announced, Valley Prep will be following the lead of RUSD with respect to the cancellation of activities and school closure. According, **VPS will also remain closed until April 6.**

However, as noted in my email of March 13 (see below), **we will begin Distance Learning on Wednesday April 1.** This means that your child's teacher(s) will be providing assignments (via email, google-docs, or Powerschool) that are to be completed at-home and submitted either electronically or once regular classes resume. More information about this procedure will be shared with families prior to April 1.

Throughout Spring Break, be sure to visit our new web-page for the most updated information about the impact of COVID-19 @ VPS. <https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/COVID-19-Information>

**Best regards,  
John Black, Head of School**

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**From:** Lyndsay Hidy  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: IMPORTANT: VPS planning for possible school closure

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I hope this email finds everyone well and looking forward to the Spring Break!

As I have noted in recent correspondences, Valley Prep will follow the lead of the *Redlands Unified School District* (RUSD) with respect to the cancellation of events and fieldtrips. Yesterday, the Superintendent of RUSD announced the cancellation of certain gatherings, such as assemblies and performances, effective until further notice. In the coming days, we will create a list of what VPS-events will be affected by this announcement, and post everything on our website (<https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/COVID-19-Information>)

Additionally, VPS will follow RUSD with respect to school closure. To date, however, RUSD has NOT announced any closures. But more and more schools are closing State-wide, including LA-unified. As a result, VPS feels it prudent to be prepared for such an occurrence.

Accordingly, VPS teachers were informed yesterday of the need to begin preparing for the possibility of the school transitioning to a **Distance Learning** (at-home) format. This would mean that the school is closed and all learning occurs remotely, with assignments being distributed through email, google-docs, and Powerschool. How likely is this? Its difficult to say. But clearly, it is something that could happen.

Accordingly, all students will be bringing-home all of their books today so they are prepared for at-home learning to begin following Spring Break. **IF** the school does close, families will be notified via email/text during Spring Break. The first day of the Distance Learning format would be **Wednesday, April 1**, on which day the first assignments will be distributed by your child's teacher(s) in the formats noted above.

NOTE: If your child is not at school today, the school will be open on Monday March 30 from 8am to 9am to retrieve materials (parents must remain with their child), in the event that we transition to Distance Learning.

Again, as of today, Redlands Unified School District has not announced any closures (although most area colleges and universities have already announced that they are transitioning to Distance Learning). Nevertheless, parents are strongly encouraged to make contingency plans for childcare following Spring Break in the event that we transition to a Distance Learning format.

I wish everyone a safe Spring Break!! And keep washing those hands!!

**John Black, Head of School**