



## Preparing students for life beyond the classroom

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is so hard to believe that we are already in the month of June and we will be closing out the 2019-2020 school year. What a year it has been and one we will always remember! In preparation for the ending of the school year, we are planning for a virtual celebration of the Class of 2020. Although very different than what we have ever done in the past, it will be a heartfelt and meaningful tribute to our graduates. To date, we have not yet received guidance or direction from Governor Murphy on how Extended School Year (ESY) Programs should run. Given the health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing guidelines provided by Governor Murphy and the CDC, The Phoenix Center has decided to continue virtual/distance learning through our ESY program. Our ESY calendar will begin on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and go through Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Information regarding your child's classroom teacher and schedule will be provided by the end of the school year. As always, thank you for all of the tremendous support and partnership in the education of your child.

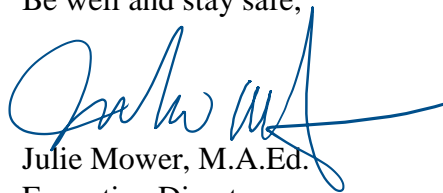
It has been wonderful to see so many students join the Special Area Teachers as they facilitate live lessons on Google Meets weekly. If it doesn't conflict with any other therapies or Supported Employment, please join them on the following days and times:

- Music with Linda for classrooms 97, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 201, 205 and 207 on Mondays at 1 pm please use this link: <http://meet.google.com/drg-jhxt-tis>
- Music with Linda for classrooms 203, 204, and 209 on Tuesdays at 1 pm, please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/obw-kaic-xbu>
- Art with Matt for all students on Wednesdays at 1 pm, please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/uki-etsf-aqs>
- Physical Education with Danny and Len for all students on Tuesday-Friday at 2 pm, please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/rhj-zigm-hek>
- CFL with Ashley for all students on Friday's at 1 pm, please use think link: <https://meet.google.com/eyc-ouhf-smx>

As a friendly reminder, please be sure to sign and date the *Academic Log* each day that your child engages in lessons and learning. This will count for participation during this time of virtual learning. All lessons that are completed within Google Classroom will also be reviewed and graded by the classroom teachers in order to report on student progress. **Should your child need to be absent due to illness or personal reasons, please be sure to call the Student Sick Line at 973-542-0823 and they will be entered as absent for the day(s) by our School Nurse.**

This challenging time has really shown us new strengths we may not have known that we had and skills we needed to learn. For all of the parents, guardians, and caretakers, you are truly amazing in being a parent, an employee (or employer), a teacher, an entertainer, and a constant chef. It is not easy to balance it all, but we appreciate all of your efforts and support. As A.A. Milne said: “You are braver than you believe and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.” Once again, thank you all so much for working together with The Phoenix Center and know our virtual door is always open.

Be well and stay safe,



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