



Westerly Mobile: Week 3 Updates Spring Break & Mobile Learning Period Extended

Dear Westerly Families,

It's hard to believe, but we are halfway through our third week of mobile learning. We continue to appreciate the tireless efforts of our entire Westerly community to navigate these extraordinary times. Our goal is always to support our students and families in all ways as this unprecedented health crisis unfolds. Based on the current guidelines and health recommendations, we wanted to provide you with a few updates:

- 1) **Westerly will continue Mobile Learning through at least Sunday, May 3rd.** The State of California anticipates a year-long closure for public schools, and we want to be honest and transparent with you about what comes next for Westerly. We recognize that unlike large public schools and districts, Westerly is uniquely positioned to be flexible in the event physical distancing and sheltering guidelines become less restrictive. Just as we decided to move to mobile learning before our surrounding schools, we remain open to the possibility of a return to campus if safety permits. While there is not enough information at this point in time for us to definitively determine a return date, we remain hopeful that students may be able to return to campus before the end of the traditional school year.
- 2) Our scheduled Spring Break will begin one day early and run from Monday, April 6th through Friday, April 17th. This will enable teachers much-needed time to plan, reflect and continue fine-tuning a sustainable Mobile Learning Program. Look for more information about optional Spring Break resources and activities for your students in Wildcat Weekly this Sunday.
- 3) Please continue to do your part while away from school: take to heart the importance of practicing physical distancing whether at the grocery store or around your neighborhoods, and be sure that everyone in your household practices proper hand washing hygiene. To date, Westerly has not received notification of any diagnosed COVID-19 cases at school. Given the level of community spread in our region, however, it is likely many of us will personally know someone who falls ill, possibly even a friend or family from school. Please continue to know that Westerly will act on any recommendations from the County and/or City Health Department, including the need to notify our families if we are advised to do so.

We look forward to supporting you throughout Week #3 and should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either of us via our email at ljplant@westerlyschool.org or shalug13@gmail.com.

Wishing you a healthy and restful Spring Break,

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