



## Superintendent's Office

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Dear WESD Parents and Guardians,

This week's update includes information about:

- x WESD Supports;
- x FREE COVID19 Testing;
- x The 2020 Census; and
- x The Grab and Go Meals.

We completed another successful week of online learning. The WESD continues to provide Chromebooks and hotspots for families who need them, with nearly 19,000 Chromebooks and more than 900 hotspots distributed. If you need one or both, please contact your school.

As we conclude this second week of school, I wanted to share that our principals and staff have been working hard to connect with families to not only ensure their academic needs are met, but their social/emotional needs as well. The WESD is actively monitoring the impacts of the pandemic. We know many of our families need support. Please remember that we are here for you. If you need assistance with housing, food, clothing, medical/emotional support, etc., our team of social workers can provide support. Don't hesitate to reach out. We truly care about our students and their families and we are here to help.

You can touch base with your school social worker, fill out a Social Services Referral form on the school's Web site or email [socialservices@wesdschools.org](mailto:socialservices@wesdschools.org) for assistance.

### Free COVID-19 Testing at Two WESD Locations

The WESD is teaming up with Valle Del Sol to offer FREE COVID testing to the community at two locations in the District. If you are interested, you must register using one of the links below. Masks are required.

Desert Foothills Junior High Multipurpose Building, 3333 W. Banff

Thursday, August 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, August 28 – 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[Registration for Desert Foothills Dates and Times](#)

Royal Palm Middle School Multipurpose Building, 8520 N. 19 Avenue

Thursday, September 3 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 4 – 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[Registration for Royal Palm Dates and Times](#)

For more information, please call Valle Del Sol at 60258-6797 or visit their Web site at [www.valledelsol.com](http://www.valledelsol.com)

#### 2020 Census Reminder

You can help shape the future for your kids and our schools today by taking the 2020 Census. An accurate count of children impacts the federal funds communities receive for programs such as Head Start, classroom interventions, afterschool programs, as well as food assistance and child health programs. It is not too late to respond to the 2020 Census online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov), by phone 310-2020, or by returning the paper questionnaire you received in the mail. New this month, census takers will begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the census to help ensure *everyone* is counted, including children. The deadline to respond is September 30. If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Census, email [wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org](mailto:wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org)

Grab and Go Meals – Every Monday, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.

This week, we increased the number of meals provided to 44,221! If you missed it, remember, the Grab and Go Meal Program is available every Monday from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. for WESD students. Families can pick up five breakfasts and five lunches for the week. Food is available curbside at all schools, except Lakeview, for families to place in their vehicles. For faster service, please remember to bring the student's ID number. Remember, masks are required. For more information or special dietary needs, contact Nicole Augustine at 602896-5240 or [Nicole.Augustine@wesdschools.org](mailto:Nicole.Augustine@wesdschools.org)

You can stay informed by visiting our Return to Learn page on our WESD Web site at [www.wesdschools.org/returntolearn](http://www.wesdschools.org/returntolearn). Additionally, please stay connected with us by following the WESD on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn @wesdschools. Parents, please activate your VUE accounts. You can receive your access code from the school office.

If you have specific program questions, please call or email the following:

Special Education, Dr. Jeanne Koba – [Jeanne.koba@wesdschools.org](mailto:Jeanne.koba@wesdschools.org) 602-347-2642

Gifted Education, Dr. Jason McIntosh – [Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org](mailto:Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org) 602-347-2651

English Language Learners (ELL), Cathy Gentry – [cathy.gentry@wesdschools.org](mailto:cathy.gentry@wesdschools.org) 602-347-2692



For any other questions, please email [wesdcommserv@wedschools.ca](mailto:wesdcommserv@wedschools.ca) or call 602347-2600.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Stanton  
Superintendent

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21 de agosto de 2020

Estimados Padres y Guardianes del WESD,

La actualización de esta semana incluye información acerca de:

- x Apoyos del WESD;



[Fechas y Horas de Inscripción para la Escuela Desert Foothills](#)

Escuela Intermedia Royal Palm en el edificio 'Multipurpose Building', 8520 N. 19 Avenue

Jueves, 3 de septiembre 10:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Viernes, 4 de septiembre 7:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

[Fechas y Horas de Inscripción para la Escuela Royal](#)

Para más información, favor de llamar a Valle Del Sol al 60258-

