

August 28, 2020

Greetings Vinci Park Families,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well. Below you will find some useful information.

- **Chromebooks & Hotspots**

For a more convenient and faster service to all our students and families, chromebooks and hotspots will be checked out and returned to Vinci Park. Any non-working or broken chromebooks and hotspots will be exchanged at the school site. Please call the school office at (408) 923-1970 to arrange an appointment time for pick up, exchange, or return of either items.

- **Reporting Student Absences**

If your child is absent, please call the school office at (408) 923-1970 on the day of the absence.

Please include the following information when reporting an absence:

- Student's name
- Teacher
- Date of absence
- Reason for absence
- Your name

- **Social and Emotional Learning - All About Feelings**

Social and emotional learning (SEL) provides a foundation for safe and positive learning, and enhances students' ability to succeed in school, careers, and life. Research shows that SEL not only improves achievement by an average of 11 percentile points, but it also increases prosocial behaviors (such as kindness, sharing, and empathy), improves student attitudes toward school, and reduces depression and stress among students (Durlak et al., 2011).

- **Care Solace**

Care Solace is an online resource to help our students and families in seeking local mental health support. It is important to recognize that these are challenging times, and that we must also take care of our mental health as we guard against COVID-19. Care Solace is now available for use by Berryessa students and families at no cost. If you are interested in seeking counseling-related services at this time, please consider visiting [caresolace.com/berryessafamilies](https://caresolace.com/berryessafamilies).

- **Important Links**

- IT Support, click [here](#)
- BUSD Reopening Communications, click [here](#)
- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications, click [here](#)
- Care Solace, click [here](#)

- **Interpretation Assistance**

Should you need assistance in interpretation of school/teacher messages, please reach out to the following staff support.

- Chinese/Mandarin: Tsung-Lin Chen (408) 923-1901
- Spanish: Lourdes Calande (408) 923-1902
- Vietnamese: Juliette Thai (408) 923-1903