I hope this communication finds you and your family healthy and ready to get the new school year started! This week we had ALL of our staff back on campus to continue their professional development AND get ready for the return of your children for **online instruction beginning August 5** and **in-person instruction Monday August 17**<sup>th</sup>!

I am also very please to report that all the planning and programs we put together are all *happening as we planned*. Our teachers are VERY excited about the new school year BECAUSE 1) we had a plan, 2) we have executed it well, 2) we have passed our internal and external audits with flying colors, and being successful is fun! Not only do we teach your kids to navigate life like this, we actually do it OURSELVES! We do what we teach!

Schedule/Calendar – <u>Status and updates as of 7/30/20</u> – We have fulfilled and delivered our promises!

- Summer school homework packets and online learning has started and will continue until Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> (available to all students). <u>Happening as planned.</u>
- Summer online tutoring is available upon request. <u>On-going...it's not too late to get a jumpstart on</u> <u>the school year, give us a call!</u>
- Full Administrative staff will return to campus July 27<sup>th</sup> Completed
- New teacher orientation 7/28 <u>Completed</u>
- All teacher orientation and training 7/29-31 *Completed*
- All teacher lesson planning and prep 8/3-5 *Starts Monday!*
- All teachers & staff on campus 8/6-14 We started this EARLY
- First day of online class for all students Wednesday 8/5 Can't wait! We miss your kids!
- First day of adding in-person class Monday 8/17 <u>Really excited to be in-person!</u>

Parents may choose to have child(ren) stay online ALL YEAR if they want- we will provide the work, zoom meetings and have one-on-one tutoring with our WiFi and computers available as needed.

## TIA Operational Outline Fall 2020

The Primary teaching mechanism at TIA will continue to be in-person, in-classroom as this is the best method for most of what your child needs to learn and what has dramatically contributed to our record of 100% of our seniors being accepted for college. Off-site and/or online learning will be available upon request for those that have health concerns, restrictions, or preference for this delivery method. If you are undecided at this point, this might help. <u>"5 Considerations: Put your child back in the classroom NOW?"</u>

- In classroom learning will be very similar to prior years AND will of course comply with CDC and Arizona health guidelines (full time "sanitation controllers," vinyl "personal offices" for dividing students in the classroom, additional handwashing sinks installed, and more)!
- There new online Math learning tools developed by TIA for grades K-6 that are ready to go!
- As of this date, we are fully staffed for all positions.
- Free Tutoring before, during, and after school will be offered one-on-one or in small groups for all grade levels at all TIA schools for all TIA students! Just call to schedule day/ time 792-3255.
- Homework packets will be available in class, for pick up, and weekly for download on the new TIA website page, as well as links to the new 2x/week per grade instructional videos (in class live recordings with TIA master teachers).
- NEW Interactive Communication Folders are created and will be used by EVERY TIA student, both online and in-person! Parents and teachers can be in touch much easier on a daily/ weekly basis. All work for the week will be clearly defined in these folders. Progress reports will be sent every Friday.
- New for this year, TIA online students will also have live (and archived) access to subject teachings.
  - K-1 will have 1 live zoom meeting per week
  - o 2-3 and 4-5 will have 2 live zoom meetings per week
  - 6-8 will have 2 live zoom meetings per week
  - 7-12 will have 3 live zoom meetings per week

If you need access to internet or use of one of TIA's computers, call and reserve a "tutoring" appointment and you can come to any TIA site and use our internet WiFi and internet device. TIA Broadway received a grant and is able to offer its students a free use of an internet device for the year, so consider enrolling there if you want to be able to take a device home and use for the year.

## TIA Health and Safety Compliance Features

Masks will be required as per Tucson's Mayor for any person on campus except where the State of Arizona makes exceptions

Sanitary shielding for each student (clear Plexiglas and/or student vinyl "personal office" dividers)

Full time sanitization controllers have been hired and are being trained for each campus

Daily health screens for staff (required)

Daily health screens for students

Temperature monitoring

New auxiliary stainless steel hand washing stations at each campus

Staggered lunch schedule to control contact

Weekly audits and reporting

Minimizing student movement while on campus

## TIA edition face masks available for purchase!

It will continue to be important for your children to engage in TIA Online Learning through the use of Khan Academy, Eureka, and Facebook classroom discussion groups and using the "Interactive Communication Folders" whether they are in-person classroom students or online students. Participation and use of the new online tools for ALL students will still be most important for current and future academic success.

We are counting down the days until school starts online for every TIA student on Wednesday 8/5...see you then when you pick up your student(s)' personal "Interactive Communication" folder at your school site!

Contact us if you have any questions 792-3255. We are here to serve you!

Dr. J