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Dear KSD Community,

**Maintaining social connection** was a theme that came up repeatedly during last week's school board meeting as critical for ensuring that students thrive both academically and emotionally during this period of distance learning.

In the spirit of encouraging more social connectivity in our community, we want to highlight the following 6 KSD resources that may be useful during this stressful and overwhelming time:

1. **Teacher Zoom sessions and Google Classroom / Seesaw posts.** Our amazing teachers are working hard to provide thoughtful and inspiring lessons despite the physical distance.
2. **Weekly [Bacich Broadcasts \(https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/post/\)](https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/post/) and daily [Kent Squawk Talk episodes \(https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/post/\)](https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/post/).** They are archived if you ever miss one.
3. **[Weekly District Newsletters \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/news/newsletters/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/news/newsletters/)** are emailed on Friday evenings and have timely updates from our School Principals, Superintendent, and School Board. They are also [archived \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/news/newsletter-archive/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/news/newsletter-archive/).
4. **[KSD Distance Learning Portal \(https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/\)](https://distance.kentfieldschools.org/)** has an excellent summary of TK-8 resources available to students and families. New resources are continually added.
5. **Superintendent Liz Schott's [office hours webinars](#) on Thursdays from 4 - 5 PM.** Get questions answered about distance learning and any other district topics from Liz, and Bacich Principal, Sally Peck, and Kent Principal, Grant Althouse. Info on how to join the regular calls will be emailed/texted out in advance.
6. **[School board meetings \(https://kentfield.agendaonline.net/public/\)](https://kentfield.agendaonline.net/public/).** If you cannot make the meetings live, you can listen to [recordings \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/board-meeting-video-archive/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/board-meeting-video-archive/) and read our [Board Meeting Highlights \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/board-meeting-highlights-archive/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/board-meeting-highlights-archive/). In particular, we want to highlight our recent [April 3rd Board Letter to the Community \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/letters-community/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/school-board/letters-community/) in which we shared our main priorities during this pandemic, which aligns closely to our new [district strategic plan \(https://www.kentfieldschools.org/about-us/strategic-plan/\)](https://www.kentfieldschools.org/about-us/strategic-plan/).

Finally, we urge you to remember that we are all in this together (students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators) and everyone is doing the best we can under very challenging, sub-optimal conditions. We remain grateful for everyone's ongoing patience and support for everyone in our community through this truly unprecedented moment in our lives.

If you have any questions or comments about any of these topics, please feel free to contact our Board President, Heather McPhail Sridharan, at [hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org) or our Superintendent Liz Schott at [lschott@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:lschott@kentfieldschools.org). Feedback is always welcome and valued.

With gratitude,

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