



BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

“Quality Education Begins Here”



August 13, 2021

Dear Blackwater School Parents & Guardians:

As many of you may know, unfortunately, the current number of COVID-19 cases have been increasing in the Gila River Community. Our Honorable Governor Lewis announced today at the Community-wide Teacher in-service speech that starting Monday, August 16th, 2021 all students attending any school within the Community will be switching from in-person to “All virtual” for the safety of our young children, school employees and community at large. I want to assure you all, we as school will take “whatever it takes” approach to ensure the flow of best quality education continuous to all our students enrolled at Blackwater Community School/Akimel O’Otham Pee Posh Charter School. Learning material will be delivered to each student’s home Monday afternoon. Laptops/devices will be delivered by grade levels. Fourth and fifth graders will receive their devices Monday, Second and Third graders on Tuesday, Pre-school, Kindergarten and First grades on Wednesday.

During this time of distance learning we want to ensure that each of our students continue to have access to high-quality curriculum and instruction. All teachers (K-5 and FACE) are delivering live instruction through a virtual learning platform, Google Classroom. We need your support to ensure the success of our efforts! Please take a moment to review key components of distance learning with your student(s).

If you do not have access to high speed internet and you live in the Community, please feel free to call Gila River Telecommunications at **(520) 796-3333**, they will be able to provide you either a free jetpack or fast internet device. You can always call the school if you need any technical help.

Our school will be sending a separate document for your signature ensuring your commitment to provide the quality learning environment at home and your timely help to you child. We will continue to work together as one team to provide quality education to your child (ren).

Attendance is still vital to student success! Attendance tracking includes a variety of methods:

- ✓ Student log-in and camera on during instruction (ZOOM, Google Meets, etc.)
- ✓ Student participation in a virtual meeting or classroom session (ZOOM, Google Meets, etc.)
- ✓ Daily assignments completed and submitted by the student

How can you help?

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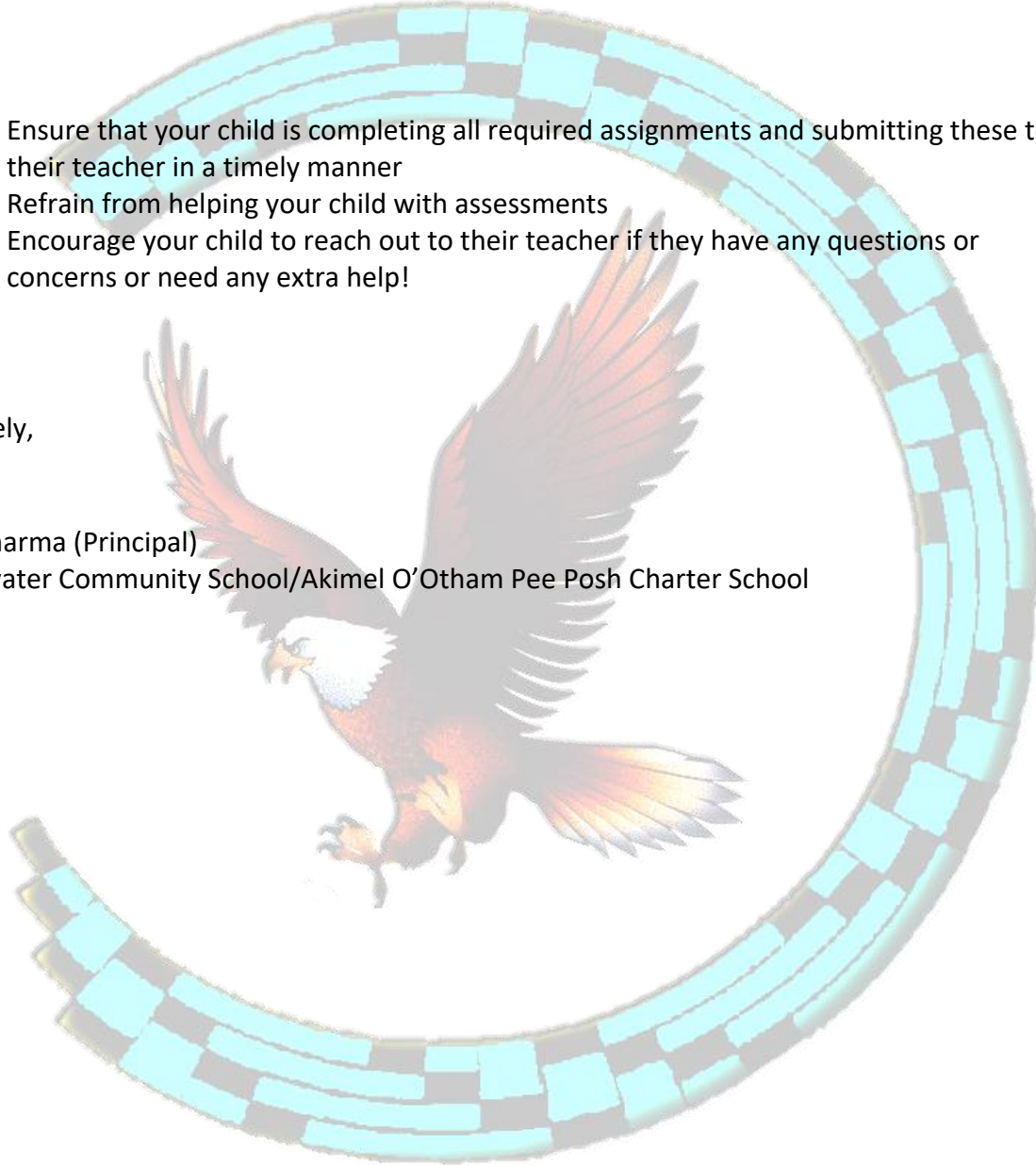


- ✓ Ensure that your child has a quite distraction free place to learn
- ✓ Refrain yourself from visiting with your child during live instructions
- ✓ Ensure that your child is logging on to their Google Classroom daily, by 8:00am

- ✓ Ensure that your child is completing all required assignments and submitting these to their teacher in a timely manner
- ✓ Refrain from helping your child with assessments
- ✓ Encourage your child to reach out to their teacher if they have any questions or concerns or need any extra help!

Sincerely,

Jack Sharma (Principal)
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