

Friends,

As the days go on, I hope all of you are establishing new routines and finding comfort in one another's company. Like all of you, this time away has been interesting to say the least. As you would appreciate, we are taking the time to try and learn new things and adapt to the situation at hand. This afternoon, my two boys and I figured out the best way to throw a boomerang, and tomorrow afternoon we will likely be learning the game of Cricket. Who knew that there would be so much opportunity for learning to come out of this experience? For more resources and activities, please be sure to visit our [Distance Learning Page](#) for photos and other online resources at your disposal.

On that note, I wanted to make you aware that our Chess Coach, Brian Karen will be offering online chess instruction via GoogleMeet which will be used in conjunction with game play on [Chess.com](#). The classes will be every Tuesday, starting 3/31, from 3:00-3:40 for Beginners and 4:00-4:40 for Advanced players. To sign up for this great opportunity, [please click here](#). Each session will be limited to 10 players. Both students and their parents are eligible to sign up although students will be given priority if space is limited. The classes will be sponsored by The Bridges Academy, so there will be no charge for the instruction. We thank Mr. Karen for making himself available.

Just a reminder to all parents. While we really are grateful for all of your support with Distance Learning we ask that you do not participate in any of the "Live" classes via Google Meet. This is strictly to be used for student-teacher interactions and if you have any questions regarding the assignments please contact the teacher separately. As you all know, time is precious when we have the chance to work with children in a group setting, so optimizing these opportunities is critical. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Finally, we have gotten back to reestablishing some of the regular routines that are critical aspects to our school. For the first time, we will be holding virtual open houses for all students interested in attending The Bridges Academy next year. If you know of any interested families, please remember to send them our way! For more details on the Open Houses, please [click here](#). Our thanks go to Renee Elder, Lauren Edzards and Tara Bradley in the admissions office for continuing their important work from afar.

Have a great night,

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