

Dear AAK families,

Our global community faces a health crisis in which the Academy of Arts & Knowledge can play a critical role in social distancing and to help slow transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We can and must do our part to safeguard the health of our students, families and communities. Per guidance issued last night from the Commissioner and Governor's Office, AAK will be following our geographic district (Poudre School District) in regards to closures. **As such, AAK has extended spring break for March 16 - 27, 2020.**

To be clear, AAK will be closed for two weeks. Throughout that time, AAK will continue to consult with public health officials about plans to re-open.

Families can expect that the first week (March 16 - 20) is time to rest, as planned. Expect communication soon about what remote learning will look like the second week (March 23 - 27) during the closure. Over the last two days, teachers have been gathering work to send home with students, please check your child's backpack for this. **\*\*If your child is not at school today, there will be a table in the front office for you to pick up your child's work any time before 5:30pm today.\*\*** Teachers will also be sending out email updates about remote learning for our students during the week of March 23.

We are working with our lunch provider to provide "grab and go" breakfasts and lunches during the closure for our families who may need them. If you anticipate needing lunch and breakfast during the extended closure, please continue to sign your student up for breakfast and lunch through the Michael's of Denver website <https://michaels.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>. Meals will be available for pick up at AAK on Monday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 25 from 10:00 am until noon for those who have ordered them.

Our focus during this time is on enrichment and enhancement, but we know learning won't look the same as what our students experience at school each day. Expect education to be interrupted.

We know there will be many questions and will share more information as soon as possible through email and on the AAK website.

Sincerely,

Jami Montoya & Shannon Gossard  
AAK Directors