Dear Codman Families,

With this message we send strength, health, and healing.

In a few short weeks we’ll come to the close of an exceptional school year. Never before have we held school without being in close proximity. We miss seeing you and your children, a lot. We miss morning meetings, Community Circles, crew sessions, catching up at pick up, and the many small moments that make school at Codman special. We can’t wait to be together again.

While we wish we could say that we’ve never seen the type of brutality perpetrated against black people in the murders of both George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, or the casual life-threatening racism perpetrated against Christian Cooper in Central Park, we can’t say that. This is the history of our country. Members of our community have faced brutality and attacks for generations, be it for the color of their skin, their gender expression, their religious beliefs, their sexuality, their nation of origin, the language they speak, and any number of identities.

This is why we stand up together to support each other in a moment of pain that affects any one of us. It’s why we say Black Lives Matter, why we raise our voices to speak out against oppression, and why we create space in our classrooms for students to share feelings, ask questions, and work on actions to change the world for the better. Action in response to unfairness is something that our children do so well. “That’s not fair!” “Well what should we do about it?” “Change it!”

Change is what we do. We’re in the business of change and growth. Our brilliant teaching team works hard to build curricula that matters. From Kindergarteners tackling bee colony collapse to Seniors debating Policing in America, our students acquire the skills of researchers, scientists, mathematicians and the like. They examine complex problems and create solutions, leading us toward the changes needed to improve our world.

With your incredible support we pivoted to remote learning for Trimester 3 and have learned a great deal about what it takes to support children learning at home. It’s not perfect, and it’s not in person school, but we’re getting better at it working together — educators, families, scholars. We will continue to get better, as remote learning will be a part of our educational plans until COVID-19 is held in check.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shared this week that a hybrid form of remote learning and in person learning is likely for the start of school this Fall. They’ve asked us to hold on announcing specific plans for our school until we have guidance to build around. We’ll have information to you as soon as we
know more. In the meantime, thank you for your dedication to supporting your child’s learning at home and for being in close communication with teachers about your child’s progress so that we can end the year on a strong note.

We have a number of additional resources that our community has put together to further support you in this time, please reach out to the people below for more information:

Raika Nasirullah, School Social Worker, rnasirullah@codmanacademy.org, 617-287-0700 x117 -- Food, Housing, Childcare, Employment Related Information

Stacey McEnerney, Director of SEL, smcenerney@codmanacademy.org, 617-287-0700 x108 -- Family Support Groups, including current running group: Family Support with Kate Tetuan running via ZOOM on Wednesdays at 2:30pm. (https://zoom.us/j/94174691265?pwd=MkZhRXh2ZEdpY3RSQ05STXNKaWF2Zz09, Meeting ID: 941 7469 1265 and Password: 5EiW87)

Additionally, in the next couple of weeks we have some exciting events happening in our community. For more information on those, reach out to the following people:

Rachel Bloom, Grade 5-8 Team Leader, rbloom@codmanacademy.org, 617-287-0700 x102 -- 8th Grade Step Up Ceremony: June 16th, 6:00pm
ZOOM invite: https://codmanacademy.zoom.us/j/81139476272?pwd=K1hnZWDW1NyRC91NkIwQnN3WWg3UT09, password: celebrate

Rachel Langer, Director of Development, rlanger@codmanacademy.org, 617-287-0700 x150 -- Graduation: June 24th, 6:00pm
ZOOM invite to be shared soon!

It’s an honor to be in this work with you. Thank you for trusting us to support your child’s growth. Reach out if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Thabiti Brown Pam Casna
Head of School Principal