



Dear McClave Community,

These are unusual and stressful times we live in. Much has changed in the last month, as we all deal with the effects of the World-wide COVID-19 outbreak.

I am pleased with the way our staff is working on our alternative learning plan in such a professional and passionate way. They represent the McClave Core Values very well, and will be rolling out a variety of resources and ideas to help learning continue for our students. Their Excellence and Dedication is great to see. While this time away from each other is not what any of us hoped for, we will make the best of the situation. Another way of thinking about the coming weeks is in relation to the student's educational career. Most of our students attend McClave School for 14 years, so these few weeks of learning in a different way are just a small portion of their time with us. That said, let's make the best of it. One of the things I tell students, usually around state testing time is "Do your best, but don't stress."

Hopefully, this virus and its influence will soon pass. In this country and in this region, we have overcome many challenges and obstacles: drought, depression, world wars, and many other things. This virus outbreak will be no different!

Helen Keller is one of my favorite ladies in history. She said:

Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost."

— Helen Keller

We miss being together here at the school and the joy of learning that takes place each day, but we know this time away will also have positives.

Enjoy the extra family time!

Sincerely,

Mr. Holmes
Superintendent
McClave School