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Dear Miramonte Families,

The Final Thought . . . first

Today marks the 145th day that we have been sheltering in place. To a greater or lesser degree, we have all been restricting where we go and with whom we are interacting. “Cabin fever” is what we called it out east after a long home-bound stay. It affects everyone somehow. In just one more way that the Bible shows its relevance, there is someone who stayed inside with his family for 145 days – and more! This man and his family had cabin fever for One Year and ten days, and the first thing he did when he finally was able to go out was to worship and thank God. In Isaiah 54:8 – 10, God says this to each of us today, “. . . with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you . . . To me this is like the days of Noah . . . Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the Lord who has compassion on you.” The fears, the frustrations, that cooped up feeling, loneliness, concerns on finances, and everything else we have been experiencing are known and felt deeply by God. He hasn’t forgotten you, just like He remembered the eight people on the ark. May this uncertain time be all the more reason to praise, thank, and worship Him! Peace to all!

Feedback welcome Last week I sent through Bloomz the plan for reopening Miramonte this year. It was the combined effort of many people; board members, staff, and parents worked together to develop a plan to protect and educate our students. Some of you have taken the time to communicate with either the chairman of the board and committee, committee members, or myself. For that we all say, “Thank you.” Your thoughts and constructive comments are important, and we invite more of you to reach out to us – even if you are okay with it and have nothing big to say. We want to know how this impacts you. We realize that there is no plan that will meet everyone’s approval, but we do care and want to keep the various realities in mind as we move forward.

Blended Learning Some have asked, “When the students are back on campus for in-person instruction, will there be any way that my student can still participate in class yet remain at home?” With our new reality, there are a number of scenarios that a student may be at home while their classmates are still in school, such as an illness, contact with someone with COVID, or if the parents consider that the school environment is not safe enough for their student to return at that point. Because of these and other scenarios, Miramonte will develop a blended learning plan in which students at home and at school can receive instruction; however, parents need to realize that while the teachers will do their best to keep the learning similar, that the reality is that it could never be the exact same instruction/learning scenario for both home and in class. This aspect needs development prior to launching; once it is, we will be glad to share what blended learning will look like.

Supporting each other And a big thank you to those of our families who are extending themselves to support other Miramonte families. While the school is not and cannot be a part of it, it is

heartwarming to hear how families are working together so that children whose parents must go to work have options with other families who are supervising at home. This really embraces the One Family spirit. God bless you – you really are an incredible family community!

Basic Fund We learned from this foundation that there is still funds available. So if you are a family who is sending a child to a private school for the first time or your child is in kindergarten, there is good news. Go online and apply right away (www.basicfund.org) . The Basic Fund can provide tuition assistance up to \$2,000 per student per year up to the 8th grade!