



April 24, 2020: Friday Note from Shelly

Dear CDS Community,

It was wonderful to see everyone again at this morning's special Earth Day Assembly. I'm on Zoom a lot during the week, but the assembly gathering is by far my favorite moment. Every time it brings tears to my eyes as I see members of the community seeing each other on the screen.

The Town Hall

I want to thank those who joined us Wednesday night for the Town Hall. For those who could not tune in, there was an important piece of information that I shared.

We will be extending the closure of our campus through the end of May. If there is a way for us to **safely** come back together in some format for the end-of-year events, we will return in June.

So many great questions and ideas were sent to us in advance of the Town Hall. Some of these questions we simply don't have answers for as things have been evolving so quickly. Like many members of our senior admin team, I am spending several hours each week on webinars, reading data, researching, and consulting with schools around the world that are struggling with the same issues. We continue to study different models and best practices for an eventual return to campus that would align with public health guidelines.

Bid & Bash

It's been only 48 hours since the Virtual Bid & Bash and Paddle Raise went live, and we already have raised nearly \$84,000 of our goal of \$200K! We are grateful to everyone who has made a gift in support of our sliding scale tuition and the CDS Community Support Fund. Each and every gift helps our community overcome the unique challenges faced in these uncertain times. Thank you for being there for our community when it is needed most. You can bid on live auction items until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. As a vibrant community, we can ensure that we are able to raise the vital support that our school depends on. We

are in this together as a CDS family!

And a big thank you to Daven Gee, who produced the great video which is part of the Bid & Bash effort in partnership with the Advancement Team. Trust me when I say that these moving images promise both tears and laughter.

I hope that this weekend you are able to safely enjoy this glorious weather in some way – and to offer some gratitude to our natural world.

Warmly,
Shelly