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Good afternoon Shaw PEAK families!

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” Winston Churchill

I am inspired by the goodwill in our community and hearing stories of people that are working to solve problems and persevere! Remember at the beginning of the year when we were discussing how we are training students to solve problems we don't even know exist yet??? This is a prime example! We are on day 18 of being at home full-time and trying to figure out how to stay connected and follow the Governor's orders to “Stay home, stay healthy.”

It has been a treat to see students and reconnect our Shaw family virtually through our Microsoft Team meetings! Students are encouraged to check their school email and Microsoft Team classes frequently. Authentic enrichment learning opportunities are being posted in Team classes. If I post an assignment in English MS Teams, my expectation is that students complete the assignment. Education and learning must continue despite our building being closed. Students will also get reminders for our digital check-ins that have been scheduled in their calendars in Teams. Students may continue to edit/revise previous **projects**. If students would like to request/take **past due** Power Focus Area assessments, they will need to fill out a Request to Test ticket (located in MS team content class, under files). Tests may be taken once Request to Test ticket has been completed and the student has requested the assessment through Summit. Tests will be approved on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10-3.

Next week is **spring** break. I will treat it as a normally scheduled break. I will not do my virtual meeting, or approve English PFA assessments. Students are encouraged to rest, relax, and recreate. Spring break is usually a time when friends and families gather and connect with one another, but this break will be different. We will need to continue to stay home and practice socially distancing. Here is a link to some [virtual road trips](#) to visit instead! It looks like the weather is supposed to shape up, try to get outside. Plant a garden, go for a walk, do some art! I will look forward to checking back in, posting assignments, and continuing with our long-distance learning on Monday, April 13th. I intend to provide students and families with a scope and sequence for the next couple of weeks, so everyone knows what to anticipate for ELA learning.

Although I plan to take a break from school, so I can come back refreshed and ready to tackle challenges, I will be available to students in need. I want to support student and family well-being. If there is something I can do to help you or your family out, please don't hesitate to text (through Remind) or phone me directly (509-869-9115).

Take care, sending love,
Mrs. Kaluza