



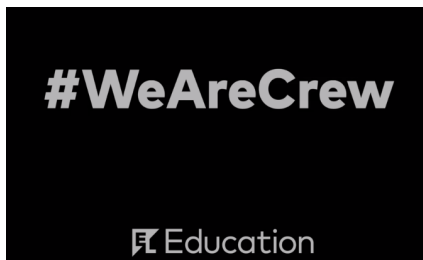
# Anser Charter School

September 11, 2020

Re: Anser Remote Learning Celebrations/Challenges

Dear Anser Families,

As we wrap up the third week of remote learning and the first week of full-day instruction during a pandemic, I have to say, we did it! Congratulations to parents, teachers, students, and staff in making it through this week. I am wowed over and over as I join in a virtual classroom or the digital assignments that I am seeing on Google Classrooms, SeeSaw, [SEL Site](#), and [Student Support Site](#). Innovative, Crew building, collaborative, and engaging. I am wowed by the parent community support and appreciation for the work the Anser staff is doing. Is everything perfect? No. But we are at an incredibly excellent level!! Do we have everything done that we want to have done? No. But are we pro...du...cing?? Yes! And are we exhausted? Yes! Grateful that it is the weekend. We got this! Especially if we make sure to take time for a refill this weekend with our families and those in our circle!



The quote ["We are crew, not passengers, strengthened by acts of consequential service to others"](#) by the founder of Outward Bound, Kurt Hahn means more now than ever before. This culture of crew impels all members of a school community - parents/guardians, Crew Leaders, school leaders, staff, and most of all students, to work as a team, do our part in strengthening the community, and to help each other.

With a spotlight on how we do learning right now in a setting that is incredibly abnormal as an educator, I am celebrating the work and the student connections that were made this week. The Anser staff and community embodies the spirit of revision, so as we move ahead to next week's learning experiences, we will make changes that will further support students and families as we shift our practice to be even more innovative in this virtual environment. I ask for patience and I ask for clear communication. Family needs and staff needs/supports are very individualized. Communication will allow myself and my staff to understand more of how we can support each other.

Many of the platforms that have been introduced over the past three weeks are new. Teaching staff over the summer completed the Educator Google Training plus take the AJ Juliani Online Master Course over the summer. Learning and transferring that learning to implementation will have its challenges. I say this to be transparent and to also say that this transition to educating young people virtually is hard. Are we taking on this challenge? Yes. Are we taking on this challenge with a heart that is all about what is best for the young people we serve? Yes!

The Anser character trait of courage also means more than ever before. We can do this as a learning community!

***"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."  
— Mary Anne Radmacher***

Continuamos/We will continue,

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