



UNITED COMMUNITIES ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

OST Virtual Programming

Hello OST Families! This is Savannah Peterson, United Communities' Director of Elementary Education, reaching out to thank you all for your understanding and patience as we begin the transition to home-based programming. I know there are many questions right now, and we'll do our best over the next week to answer each of them. However, in the meantime, I want to give you four ways to best prepare you for OST programming beginning May 4th.

Number one, please know that this is a brand new experience for everyone. We are exploring new territory together. May 4th will be like our very first day of program all over again and patience and flexibility will be our highest values as we get used to new routines. Number two, you should begin your new routine by visiting your child's OST class dojo, which you should make sure you and your child are connected to. Once connected, you will find information related to this new home-based program. Number three, we are here to assist you. Our virtual program hours, beginning Monday, May 4th, will be 3:00pm – 5:00pm. However, Site Directors and Group Supervisors will be available during the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00pm to answer questions and provide technical assistance if needed. Call or email us, and if we are not immediately available, we will get back to you as soon as possible. Finally, number four. Please know that many of the online platforms your children will be using are ones that they are already familiar with. This is because they've used them in school all year. They will primarily use an online app called Google Meet to interact virtually with staff and with each other. Google classroom will also be utilized. Directions on how to access our Google meetings and classroom will be provided in your child's class dojo very soon. We are excited about walking into this new era of learning with our staff, our students and our families. Thanks for your continued support and we will continue to reach out to you as we have information to help guide you in this season.



Career Exposure

United Communities Career Exposure Program is currently accepting applications for youth ages 12-14 who are looking for a summer job. Youth will be compensated up to \$500 in incentives to learn about different careers. Program runs from July 6th to August 14th. Applicants must be registered by May 15th. If you are interested, reach out to Melissa Haley whose contact information is provided below.

Summer Camp

United Communities Summer Camp Programs are currently enrolling youth in grades K – 5th. Program runs from July 6th to August 14th and will be held at our OST school locations (Vare location to be determined). Enrollment is on a first come first served basis. Any interested families should reach out to the Site Director from your location of interest.

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