



Innovation Insights



Bison Families,

I hope everyone is home and safe in this difficult moment in our lives. While we will not be able to see each other every week in school, I am relieved to know that we can still touch base and continue with school and learning in new **innovative** ways. These past few days I myself have been doing a lot of thinking and processing on what my role will be and how I can help the Bison Community. We will be having a lot of meetings within the coming weeks to better understand where we are and how we move forward.

In the meantime, for all grades **K-5**, I have created a short list below of links below in the world of Innovation Specials that we have already done in class that you may want to continue.

- High Plains School [Technology Resources Page](#) - Each grade has a set of links to different websites for learning and fun. There is also a page full of [Keyboarding](#) website links that most students have visited.
- [Code.org](#) - K-5 students click on your teacher name. Click your name. Then choose your picture or type in your secret words to get the lessons. I have opened all lessons for all grades so that you can go to any lesson you wish. If you cannot remember your secret words or your secret picture just email me, and I will reply as soon as I can.
 - *Kindergarten - Students have not started these lessons and will not know their secret picture; however, I am happy to share that with you by email.*
- [Scratch](#)- Scratch is a free website where students can create their own stories, games and creations. While most students grades 1-5 created individual accounts in Clever before Spring Break, I recommend helping your child create a separate account for home use. It is easy and free. All you need to do is create a username and password and have an email address.

Middle School 4th Quarter TED-2 and STEAM Modules

By the end of the day, Monday, March 30th, I will be reaching out to all of you by school email and/or Google Classroom for most of our activities. Many of you in TED-2 were looking forward to the NREL Solar Car competition and unfortunately that event has been canceled. I am working on alternate plans and will get those out to you next week.

While I would much rather be at school working side by side with all of you know, I feel better knowing that I (we) are doing our part to keep our community and families safe and healthy. We will get through this and remember we will not "give up on you! "

Lastly, I am in the process of creating a short video. This video is a door into my world at home, and how I am helping myself through this time of uncertainty. I hope it gives you inspiration and helps you think of ways you can take care of yourself. This newsletter article and my video will also be available on my school [website](#) page. I also will be making a lot of improvements to my website in the future!

Feel free to contact me with any questions, needs or celebrations you have.

Miss you all dearly and I am looking forward to meeting up with all of you again very soon!

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Grade levels: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th; Middle School TED 2 and STEAM Electives