

Up To Speed
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>> ANDY: ALL RIGHT TEAM. SHOULD WE TALK ABOUT TOMORROW'S UP TO SPEED?
>> DAVE: SURE THING. I'M READY WHENEVER YOU ARE.
>> JESS: GIVE ME JUST A SECOND. SO MANY EMAILS. DOESN'T IT FEEL LIKE LIFE JUST KEEPS GETTING BUSIER?
>> ANDY: YES. THE EMAILS JUST KEEP PILING UP, WE GOT MEETINGS
>> JESS: NOT TO MENTION THE WORK AROUND THE HOUSE. I GOT THIS ISSUE WITH MY SINK, SO THERE'S ANOTHER DIY PROJECT ON THE LIST...
>> ANDY: ALMOST FORGOT, I'M HELPING MY FRIEND THROW A VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR HER DOG... I HAD NO IDEA DOG BIRTHDAY PARTIES WERE EVEN A THING...
>> IT'S DEFINITELY NOT A THING.
PEOPLE SAY JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE KIDS WE HAVE ALL THIS TIME.
THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE.

>> ANDY: IT'S SIMPLY NOT TRUE. OUR LIVES ARE JAM PACKED EVEN WITHOUT KIDS. CAN BARELY SQUEEZE IN MY HOUR OF MEDITATION THESE DAYS, THEN THE CAFE DOWN THE STREET WAS CLOSED TODAY SO I HAD TO MAKE MY OWN COFFEE. I MEAN CAN YOU IMAGINE A SCENARIO, DAVE, WHERE MY LIFE COULD GET ANY BUSIER? DAVE?
>> JESS: ...DAVE?
>> SORRY GUYS, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?

>> JESS: WITH BACK TO SCHOOL NOW IN FULL SWING, THIS UP TO SPEED GOES OUT TO ALL THE AMAZING MOMS AND DADS SUPPORTING THEIR KIDS. LOOKING AT YOU, DAVE!
>> ANDY: IT TAKES A VIRTUAL VILLAGE THESE DAYS TO MAKE SURE ALL OUR STUDENTS ARE READY TO DISTANCE LEARN. AND IT'S WHY DAVE TOOK SOME TIME WITH FELLOW V TEAM PARENTS TO TALK ABOUT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.
>> I HAVE A 10-YEAR-OLD AND AN 8-YEAR-OLD.
>> ZAYLAN IS A 10-YEAR-OLD, AND MY DAUGHTER, DEVON IS A 3-YEAR-OLD.
>> I HAVE ONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THREE ELEMENTARY KIDS.
>> THERE'S ALWAYS A GROWING CONCERN [CHILD YELLING IN THE BACKGROUND] SORRY.
>> I WONDER WHAT MY DAUGHTER IS DOING.
I'M AT WORK 8-5.
IS SHE WATCHING TV, DOING HER OWN THING?
I NEED TO RESET EVERYTHING.
>> I WOULD SET HER DOWN AND I WOULD START DOING REMOTE WORK AND SHE WOULD TO GO GET A GLASS OF WATER AND SHE WOULD BE GONE.
>> YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.
ARE THE TEACHERSES EVEN SENDING WORK?
I DON'T KNOW.
IT WAS A HEADACHE.
>> THE HARD PART IS THE UNKNOWN.
>> ESPECIALLY FOR ME.

I'M A PLANNER.
I LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.
>> IT'S BEEN TOUGHER ON MY KIDS MORE THAN ANYTHING.
THEIR SISTERS WHO HAVE NO INTERACTION WITH FRIENDS.
SIBLING RIVALRY.
>> YOU CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH WHEN YOU'RE AT HOME WITHIN CONFINEMENTS OF WALLS.
THE BASKETBALL CAN ONLY GO SO HIGH.
>> TRYING TO GET THEM TO DO OTHER THAN PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE!
A LOT OF PLANNING AND GETTING DESKS SET UP AND iPADS OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY
NEED.
SO EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN SETUP IN INDIVIDUAL ROOMS SO THEY'LL ALL BE ON AT
THE SAME TIME.
>> WE'LL UTILIZE FLEXIBILITY OF THE SCHEDULING SO I CAN BE AT HOME TO HELP
THEM BECAUSE I'M THE IN-HOME PROFESSOR.
>> VERIZON IS PROVIDING BACKUP CHILD CARE OPTIONS.
SO IF YOU'RE SOMEBODY WHO DOESN'T HAVE THE OPTION TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILD BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE HOME.
THERE'S OTHER OPTIONS.
REACHING OUT THE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND HR.
EVEN THE COVID SITE HAS A LOT OF RESOURCES THAT HELPS YOU NAVIGATE THIS
UNCERTAIN TIME.
>> MY SUPERVISOR IS SUPPORTIVE AND CONSTANTLY ASKING ME HOW THINGS ARE GOING
AT HOME.
>> MY MANAGER SAID HE'LL WORK WITH ME.
NIGHT WORK MAY BE MY FUTURE FOR A WHILE.
>> I NEVER SIGNED UP TO BE A TEACHER.
SOMETIMES BEING A MOM MEANS BEING A TEACHER, TOO.
WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN.
>> I NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE, I NEED TO STAY STRONG, I NEED TO STAY OPTIMISTIC,
NOT JUST FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR MY TEAM.
>> I WOULD SAY BREATHE.
BREATHE RELAX.
TRY NOT TO WORRY.
IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.
>> AS REMOTE LEARNING CONTINUES TO BE A HUGE PART OF
STUDENTS' LIVES, VERIZON IS STEPPING UP IN SOME CRITICAL WAYS. PARTNERING WITH
SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, OUR NATIONAL DISTANCE LEARNING INITIATIVE
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO MORE THAN 36 MILLION STUDENTS AND TEACHERS - ALL TO SUPPORT
TECH ENABLED LEARNING THROUGH DEVICES AND CONNECTIVITY.
>> ANDY: AND ALL THOSE TOOLS COME WITH VERIZON SUPPORT. PARENTS AND TEACHERS,
MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THE STEM ACTIVITY CENTER. THIS TOOLKIT PROVIDES STEM
RESOURCES AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT STUDENTS CAN LEVERAGE IN AND OUT OF
THE CLASSROOM. WE'RE ALSO HELPING TO BUILD OUT TEACHER TRAININGS TO MAKE SURE
EDUCATORS ARE READY TO GO FROM CLASSROOMS NEAR AND FAR. AND LETS NOT FORGET

OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND DISCOVERY EDUCATION ALL TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

>> JESS: WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING OUR VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOLERS FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. AND WE CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO EVEN MORE MIDDLE SCHOOLS - A TOTAL OF 254 MIDDLE SCHOOLS WILL NOW BE PART OF VERIZON INNOVATIVE LEARNING. HERE'S CHRIS WITH MORE ON HOW OUR INNOVATIVE LEARNING DEVICES CONTINUE TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

>> SERICO: OUR SOCIALLY DISTANCED IPAD AND CHROMEBOOK DELIVERIES TO MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEED KICKED OFF THIS MONTH IN PHOENIX, WHERE SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVED MORE THAN 3,000 DEVICES. THE TECH COULDN'T HAVE ARRIVED AT A BETTER TIME FOR DESERT SPIRIT PRINCIPAL MARYBETH MCKIM.

>> MARYBETH MCKIM: OH MY, IT IS EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED: IT'S THEIR BOOKS; IT'S THEIR READING RESOURCES; IT'S THEIR MATH RESOURCES; IT'S EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED TO HAVE FOR THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS.

>> SERICO: ADDITIONAL DEVICES WERE DELIVERED THIS MONTH TO STUDENTS IN NEW ORLEANS, FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS, AND LOS ANGELES. AND MORE DELIVERIES ARE ON THE WAY.

>> JESS: STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS NEED OUR SUPPORT LIKE NEVER BEFORE. SO V TEAMERS, SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS AND OFFER YOUR SERVICE BY SIGNING UP FOR VIRTUAL TUTORING AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES ON OUR VOLUNTEER PORTAL. CHECK OUT THE MANY WAYS WE CONTINUE TO VIRTUALLY GIVE BACK. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER VERIZON RECENTLY ANNOUNCED OUR BEST UNLIMITED FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. THOSE DISCOUNTS ALSO COME WITH WITH TODOIST.

>> IT'S A GREAT APP FOR PLANNING YOUR LIFE BECAUSE YOU CAN USE IT AS YOUR CORE SYSTEM FOR ADDING ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING.

FOR STUDENTS, IT'S A GREAT TOOL FOR MANAGING COURSE WORK.

FOR TEACHERS, IT'S AN AWESOME TOOL FOR SCHEDULING CLASSES AND ENSURING EVERYTHING IS ORGANIZED IN TERMS OF LESSON PLANS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

IT'S NOT ONLY FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK AND SCHOOL WORK.

IT CAN ALSO BE USED FOR YOUR PERSONAL LIFE WHICH IS GREAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS WHICH IS QUITE STRESSFUL.

YOU CAN ADD TASKS FOR FITNESS AND SOCIALIZING IN A SOCIALLY DISTANT WAY AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT ENCOMPASSES YOUR LIFE.

WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT TODOIST IS YOU CAN GET A FULL OVERVIEW OF YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

>> OUR TEAM IS DEDICATED TO CELEBRATING YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT.

WE'VE GOT A LITTLE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR ALL OF YOU.

SEND US YOUR SCHOOL RELATED PHOTOS AND THROWBACK CLASSICS.

YOU KNOW THE E-MAIL.

GOOD@VERIZON.COM.

>> THE UP TO SPEED TEAM IS GETTING IN ON THE FUN AS WE LOOK BACK, ALL AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL DAYS, FROM REMOTE LEARNING SETUPS, TEACHER SHOUTOUTS, AND THOSE AWESOME THROWBACKS.

SEND THOSE PICKS AND STORIES TO GOOD@VERIZON.COM.

>> HOW ABOUT A POP QUIZ ON ALL WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY.

>> IT'S ALL RIGHT.

[BELL]

>> BECAUSE WE'RE SAVED BY THE BELL.

UNTIL NEXT TIME CLASS, YOU'RE UP TO SPEED.