

April 3, 2020

Town Center Elementary School Weekly Update

WW-P schools will be closed for Spring Break from Wednesday, April 8 – Sunday, April 19, returning to virtual instruction Monday, April 20. The next newsletter will be sent Friday, April 24.

A Message From the Town Center Administration

Dear Town Center Parents & Guardians,

Week three of remote learning has come to a close. Our schools, and you as parents, continue to stretch our minds to guide our students in this new format. We are proud of the spirit of collaboration among our staff with parents, and equally proud of the work of our students. We recognize the challenges placed on families during this uncertain time. Please know that we are here to assist. We ask that you maintain communication with your child's teacher, and as needed school counselors, case managers and the principal team.

Spring break begins Wednesday, April 8. During this time period we hope families will take the time to reset and enjoy some other experiences. Please keep in mind that teachers will also be on break during this time and may not be available for contact. The principal team will be monitoring email, so should any urgent matters arise, please email the principal and/or assistant principal, as we will check our email accounts periodically. Please use this time to take a break from the demands of virtual learning. We recognize the limits of travel and fun with family and friends during the break. Dr. Aderhold has shared a series of online resources in the form of a [Padlet](#) with varied virtual opportunities for museums, zoos and many other venues. **Virtual learning will resume Monday, April 20.**

As virtual learning resumes, please know that the next set of activities are still in the planning stage. Therefore, we are not able to post them in advance. Typically, we have been posting learning activities on the district website on Sunday evenings. Teachers communicate the new activities to their classes on Monday mornings. We recognize the

timing may be a concern, but please know that there are not specific deadlines for the activities.

We recognize that the demand of online learning requires access to technology. Families who are having difficulty with their school-issued device or for those families who do not have access to a device, please complete the link that follows. Once you complete this link, you may report to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to get the tech support or sign out a device. Please note: you will not receive a notification to report to the high school; please go to High School North on the next Tuesday or Thursday.

Link to Form: [Technology Request](#)

In our effort to maintain our partnership with parents, we share some recent links to our own adult learning, as we all seek to understand this new normal. In that spirit, we share some of the following resources:

- Dr. Brené Brown is a professor, lecturer, author, and podcast host. She was recently interviewed on 60 Minutes [Brene Brown - 60 Minutes](#) and Today Show [Brene Brown - Today Show](#). Additionally, she has started a podcast, Unlocking Us [Podcast - Unlocking Us](#).
- John Krasinski of *The Office*, provides us with the opportunity to focus on the positive moments in our current times. [Good News - John Krasinski](#)

We wish you and your loved ones a restful break and continued good health. We hope you are able to appreciate the little moments together during this unprecedented time.

Fondly,
Janet Bowes and Renee Osterbye

School Updates

- **Assistance:** If your child needs assistance, please email us at tce@ww-p.org.
- **Grades K through 5 e-Learning Plans:** Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers will share links to the e-learning plans with their classes via email for post-Spring break virtual work by Monday, April 20. Links to these learning experiences will also be posted to the [WW-P virtual/remote learning website](#).

- **Spam Folder:** During this period of virtual/remote learning, our teachers will be reaching out via phone and email to students and parents. Please check your spam filters to ensure that emails sent from your child(ren)'s teachers are being directed to your inbox and not your spam folder.
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District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [COVID-19 Information](#) | [Virtual/Remote Learning Website](#)

Virtual Spring Break

- WWPRSD's spring break will be a little different this year, but Dr. Aderhold wanted to provide students and families with some fun, educational activities. Check out this list of [virtual experiences](#) for your family to enjoy.

Notification in Genesis

- Upon login, parent/guardian #1 associated with each student in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) will be prompted to confirm that he/she has read the notice from WW-P regarding student and teacher use of online video platforms for the purposes of instruction, counseling, nursing and related services. This notification must be reviewed before the system will open to all other parents/guardians associated with the student account. If you do not wish your student to participate in online video use for the above mentioned services, please complete the form in the notice on the Genesis Parent Portal.

Counseling and Wellness

- **School Counselor Corner:** District K-5 school counselors have created a [resource](#) of activities to keep our students talking and thinking mindfully while the district is virtual/remote learning.
- **Health Resources:** WW-P Health Services has pulled together [important health information/resources](#) for families.
- **Counseling and Wellness:** The WW-P District Wellness Committee has created a [website](#) to promote the understanding that wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life.

Students, families, and staff are encouraged to embed these self care resources into their daily routine.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Click [here](#) for a message from Dr. Pamela Nathan, WW-P Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

District Facilities

- **Playground Equipment and Athletic Fields:** As WW-P continues to sanitize our facilities and practice social distancing, all school playground equipment/athletic fields/courts/tracks/etc remain closed until further notice.

Food Services

- If your child(ren) receives food benefits, please check your email for instructions.
- If your financial situation has recently changed and you would like information on food benefits, please click [here](#) for details and to download the application.

Registration

- At this time, all student registration for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year, as well as students moving into the WW-P Regional School District will be done by appointment and virtually until the district re-opens. Please [click](#) here for more information and to begin the process.

State Information

- **State of New Jersey:** www.covid19.nj.gov has been created as the official **COVID-19** information hub for the State of New Jersey. The website includes up-to-date information, services, where to find assistance, job opportunities, and more.
- **New Jersey Department of Education:** Governor Murphy [announced on March 24](#) that NJ is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window.
- **A Program of Center for Food Action - Hunger Free New Jersey:** This non-profit organization is working with its partners to inform citizens of rapidly developing changes to address hunger during this crisis. For information and

resources on programs such as NJ school meals, SNAP, WIC, and more, please visit the [organization's website](#).

Communications

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). SchoolMessenger integrates with Genesis. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis so that you may receive emails/texts/calls from WW-P.

Board of Education Meeting

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)