

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

Food Over Spring Break:

The school district will continue providing breakfast/lunch through this Wednesday, April 8th. On April 8th the district will provide two days of food. The district food service operation will then shut down over spring break and will restart on Monday, April 20th.

In view of the economic difficulties brought on by the Coronavirus shutdown, we know many of our families are struggling with food insecurity more than ever before. In view of this and the student food service shutdown, the district has been working with various community partners to ensure free dinners are available to our free/reduced lunch students and their families during spring recess. While we will be notifying our free/reduced lunch families specifically via robocall, I lay out here the overall patchwork plan.

Monday, 4/6, 9am-12pm, rear of PAC: Breakfast/lunch and additional breakfast/lunch of shelf stable food for Tuesday (school district operation)

Tuesday, 4/7, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 500 free dinners from Blend on Main of Manasquan (Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean operation).

Wednesday, 4/8, 9am-12noon: Rear of PAC, Breakfast/lunch and additional breakfast/lunch with shelf stable food for Thursday (school district operation).

Wednesday, 4/8, 2pm-3pm, 597 Park Ave (FQHC parking lot): Mobile Pantry (Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean operation.)

Thursday, 4/9, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 500 free dinners from Blend on Main of Manasquan (Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean operation.)

Friday, 4/10, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 800 free dinners (Downtown Assoc, Freehold Borough Educational Foundation and Neighborhood Connections to Health operation).

Monday, 4/13, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 800 free dinners (Downtown Assoc, Freehold Borough Educational Foundation and Neighborhood Connections to Health operation).

Tuesday, 4/14, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 500 free dinners from Blend on Main of Manasquan (Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean operation.)

Wednesday, 4/15, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 800 free dinners (Downtown Assoc, Freehold Borough Educational Foundation and Neighborhood Connections to Health operation).

Thursday, 4/16, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 500 free dinners from Blend on Main of Manasquan (Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean operation.)

Friday, 4/17, 5pm-6pm, PAE front parking lot: 800 free dinners (Downtown Assoc, Freehold Borough Educational Foundation and Neighborhood Connections to Health operation).

Recipients will be reminded of procedures to ensure social distancing when waiting and picking up food.

For any of our parents/friends/staff who want to donate to help the Downtown Association and FBEF raise funds to pay for the free meals on 4/10, 4/13, 4/15 and 4/17, donation information can be found [here](#).

Coronavirus Health Issues:

Please keep us updated on the health of our students:

FIS, Nurse Susan Scalgione: susans@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

PAE, Nurse Marta Horvath: mhorvath@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

FLC, Nurse Kelly Bernazzoli: kbernazzoli@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

Our Advance Practice Nurse Catherine Donohue MSN, CPNP is available to our Freehold Borough school district students to provide medical advice, prescription refills, referrals, and general support by phone. She can help if you're running out of medication, have sick students at home or need advice on where to turn. Nurse Donohue's number is 908-675-3654, Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm.

We have switched our social/emotional assistance hotline to 732-810-3146. The previous number provided will no longer work.

With so many people in New Jersey sick with COVID19, and the number of deaths rising, we all need to be alert to our students well being when such news or actual events press in from our school community or Boro community. Please keep us in the loop for any such situations when our students and families may be in crisis.

Virtual Instruction Issues:

Issues with district technology should be sent to: techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

Parents in Kindergarten and Grade 1 should be receiving soon in the mail additional instructional materials for their students. These materials will be used in the coming weeks once we recommence virtual learning on April 20th.

As we get more involved in virtual learning using technology in Grades 2-8, parents and students will see a deliberate use of district-approved systems (e.g. google classroom) and avoidance of systems that are not found in the Clever portal. We are also taking a closer look at the mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction used by our teachers for different classes and tasks. It looks like we will be doing virtual learning for many weeks to come and we on the staff are working to improve our methods.

Parents should know that when doing synchronous instruction, the things students say and do are able to be seen and heard by everyone in the google meet session. In that sense there is no expectation of privacy as one would have in the regular classroom. Teachers are alert not to speak in the virtual session about any individual student's information that would otherwise be protected.

Other Issues of Importance:

Tomorrow night the Board will consider a revision to the district calendar, adjusting the last day of school to Friday, June 18th. This change will be prompted by giving back the two unused inclement weather days from this school year's calendar.

We have canceled our in person PK and K registration appointments due to the buildings being closed. Revised PK-K registration procedures will be forthcoming.

Due to our buildings being shut down, we will not be printing and mailing the Marking Period 3 report cards. Instead, the MP3 report cards will be posted on the Genesis student portal which is fully available to parents once they sign up for it. Currently 82% of our parents have an email on file (which is necessary for gaining access to the portal). But only 49% of our students actually have their parents connected to the portal. In the coming days and weeks the Principals will be calling parents who are not connected to ensure they know how to get connected. We want all our parents to see the Marking Period 3 student report cards when posted April 22nd. Besides the report cards there is a world of other information available in the portal as well.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Apr 6: End MP3

Mon, Apr 6: BOE Meeting (virtual)

Wed, Apr 8: Early Dismissal day (Start Spring Recess)

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Spring Recess (12-month staff will be working except for Friday 4/10)

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Mon, Apr 20: Schools resume on virtual instruction (unless lifted by the Governor)

Mon, Apr 20: BOE Meeting (virtual)

Wed, Apr 22: MP3 reports posted in Genesis Parent Portal

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

