

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

A group of Boro residents have started a virtual scavenger hunt that may interest some of our students, just for fun. Details [here](#).

Information about free dinners distributed at the Park Ave Elementary parking lot during spring recess is provided in English [here](#). In Spanish [here](#).

The New Jersey Department of Education has partnered with NJTV and is putting out televised lessons that are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Information in English [here](#). Information in Spanish [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 Advanced Practice Nurse Catherine Donohue is available to provide medical advice, prescription refills, referrals, and general support by phone. Her number is 908-675-3654, Monday through Friday, 12pm-4pm.

Virtual Instruction Issues:

Schools continue to be closed until further notice by order of the Governor.

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

New Kindergarten and Grade 1 paper packets will be put in the mail next Wednesday.

We will continue to push during spring recess to get all parents/guardians on the Genesis Parent Portal so they can see their student grades. The 3rd Marking Period Report Card will be posted and available in Genesis portal on April 22, 2020.

Due to the health-related closure of schools and the start of virtual learning on March 17th, we have made some modifications to the 3rd marking period grading plan. The 3rd marking period report card grades of our students will only reflect academic work and assignments completed up to and including March 13, 2020, the final day of in school instruction. We have done this recognizing that these first three weeks of virtual learning have been a steep curve for both students and teachers. Some of our students were delayed getting their technology and/or Internet connectivity. We have made this modification so that no student is harmed academically by the abrupt start of virtual instruction, with all of the attendant difficulties and challenges that this new teaching method presented.

The 4th marking period started this past Tuesday, April 7th and work throughout the 4th marking period will count towards the 4th marking period grade. We anticipate making a notation on the 4th marking period report cards of the exact dates that virtual instruction occurred so there will be a permanent record in each student cumulative folder going forward about the circumstances under which some or all of the 4th marking period instruction was conducted. Parents should know that for our middle school students, we are working with the Freehold Regional High School District and the Monmouth County Vocational School District to ensure our grading practices do not disadvantage our students in any way when they may eventually apply to the specialized learning centers in high school. It is our commitment to you that no student will be harmed in the documentation of academic performance as a result of this unexpected virtual instruction learning period.

With all that said and with this clear safety net in place, and having worked out the initial kinks of virtual learning, as we head into this 4th marking period, we will all work with greater diligence to make this 4th marking period as educationally productive as we can. I again thank all our parents and guardians for all your assistance, so far and in the future, in managing students at home to maximize their learning.

Other Issues of Importance:

The district calendar has been adjusted, giving back the two unused inclement weather days. The new final day for students is Friday, June 19th.

In person PK and K registration appointments for 2020-2021 have been canceled because the school buildings remain closed. New PK-K registration procedures will be forthcoming.

Due to the current health-related shutdown, the district has delayed the public meetings which were to be part of the district strategic planning process. This process will continue when the district is reopened and can hold public meetings.

Upcoming Events:

4/13-4/17: Spring Recess/12-month staff working

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Mon, Apr 20: Schools resume on virtual instruction

Mon, Apr 20: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC.

Mon, Apr 20: ~~BOE Meeting~~ CANCELLED

Wed, Apr 22: MP3 report cards posted in Genesis Parent Portal

Wed, Apr 22: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC

Fri, Apr 24: Food distribution 9am-12pm, rear of PAC

Remaining Weeks in the 2019-2020 school year:

Apr 27 - May 1

May 4 - May 8

May 11 - May 15

May 18 - May 22

May 26 - May 29 (May 25th is Memorial Day)

Jun 1 - Jun 5

Jun 8 - Jun 12

Jun 15 - Jun 19

Lastly, a reminder to keep ourselves safe. There are more than 92 positive COVID19 cases in Freehold Boro and another 258 in surrounding Freehold Township. Please continue to follow social distancing procedures. We're looking forward to having everybody back healthy and well when we eventually reopen.

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

