

MAYWOOD

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School Closure Update March 17, 2020

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District Community:

Hello all. As we all battle this situation that we are faced with, our District would like to simply remind everyone that it is important to reflect upon your child's social/emotional well-being and of course your own social/emotional well-being as we navigate these uncharted waters. I have attached an article from the National Association of School Psychologists that I feel addresses the issues well and provides suggested strategies that parents can reflect upon with their children during this trying time. We must remember that sitting behind a screen, isolated in one's home and having limitations like never before is simply not normal. Some of the suggestions in this article may help you and of course we are here for you to assist. Please utilize the staff of both schools if indeed your child needs someone to talk with or if you are looking to collaborate regarding continued ideas and suggestions. We hope this is a short term issue but we must prepare for the long haul and included in that preparation we must not forget our social and emotional needs.

Stay healthy and be safe.

District Contact/Information

Website: <https://www.maywoodschoools.org/>

Twitter: @MAYWOODSCHOOLS

E-mail: Teacher emails found on website

Phone:

MAS 201-845-9110

MEM 201-845-9113

Building Coverage/Centralized HUB

We will use Maywood Avenue School as the centralized HUB for any pickups for the closure. In other words, if a student is in need of a chromebook, hardcopy paper packet, free and reduced lunch, or if a teacher asks for them to pick up extra materials, Maywood Avenue School will be the location for ALL students for pickup. We are trying to limit unnecessary large gatherings at both schools, so we have chosen MAS as the distribution HUB because of the parking and its centralized location in town. Clear signage will mark specific locations at MAS where the distribution of items will take place.

The MAS small gym will be open daily from 9 to 10 am during the closure for pickups.

Check Website

Due to the delay that Backboard Connect has been experiencing because of unprecedented use, we ask that all families please check the website sporadically throughout the day for update information. However, we ask that you please check the website between 8 and 8:30 pm each day and click on the link labeled "SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE." That link is found in the middle of the homepage at <https://www.maywoodschoools.org>

Google Classroom Codes

Please find attached for the Google Classroom codes for all grade levels/teachers.

E-Mail Contact Information

All staff email contact information is located on the respective teacher pages on the district website. <https://www.maywoodschoools.org>

Distance Learning Daily Schedule

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| Period 1 | 9:30 - 9:55 AM |
| Period 2 | 10:00 - 10:25 AM |
| Period 3 | 10:30 - 10:55 AM |
| Period 4 | 11:00 - 11:25 AM |
| Period 5/6 | 11:30 - 11:55 AM |
| LUNCH | 12:00 - 12:30 PM |
| Period 7 | 12:30 - 12:55 PM |
| Period 8 | 1:00 - 1:30 PM |

Free/Reduced Lunch

Lunch Distribution will take place at MAS for both schools on the backfield from 12:00 – 12:30 PM daily beginning on March 18th for those students who are eligible.

Technology Troubleshooting/Questions

Please email any of the following staff members:

kmarie@maywodoschools.org

sdamania@maywoodschoools.org

jerryv@maywoodschoools.org

Student Anxiety/Coping

If a student is in need of someone to talk to because they are exhibiting stress and anxiety over this issue please feel free to reach out to the following people to dialogue via email or schedule a time to speak on the phone with the child and/or the parent. Additionally, community resource information is provided on the school Special Services and School Guidance Counselor websites found at

<https://www.maywoodschoools.org/>.

MAS Guidance: kleto@maywoodschoools.org

MEM Guidance: cbyrnes@maywoodschoools.org

CST: sspencer@maywoodschoools.org

Case Managers:

kbrickett@maywoodschoools.org

ksmith@maywoodschoools.org

bsmith@maywoodschoools.org

jmanzer@maywoodschoools.org

Parent Resources (Virus Related)

Families are again encouraged to read and stay updated through official communication channels such as:

[2019 Novel CoronaVirus -Site to be Updated Frequently](#)

[Communicable Diseases - New Jersey Dept. of Health](#)

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html>

Teacher/Parent Resources (Technology/Distance Learning)

These sites are offering very good tools for free at times as well as ideas to assist in distance learning planning and related activities.

<https://chalkbeat.org/posts/us/2020/03/12/coronavirus-schools-testing-department-of-education/>

<https://www.albert.io/blog/tools-for-distance-learning/>

<https://twitter.com/numbots/status/1238489028053340161?s=09>

https://educators.brainpop.com/2020/02/19/free-brainpop-access-for-schools-affected-by-the-corona-virus/?utm_source=organic&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_content=free-access

<https://newsela.com/about/distance-learning/>

<https://teachercenter.withgoogle.com/resources/general/details?key=ahpzfmd3ZWltZWR1LXRyYWluaW5nLWNlbnRlcXIPR2VuZXIhbFJlc291cmNlGICAgKzjo8clDA>

<https://kahoot.com/blog/2020/02/27/kahoot-free-access-schools-higher-education-coronavirus/>

https://www.engadget.com/amp/2020/03/03/google-makes-hangouts-meet-features-free-in-the-wake-of-coronavirus/?_twitter_impression=true

<https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning>

<https://t.co/paSYxd8e00>

<https://t.co/FbzInQsl3f>

4thekids.idecorp.com

Maywood Board of Education Meeting

March 18

7:00 & 8:00 PM

Members of the public may attend in person in the MAS media center or via conference call with the dial-in instructions found below. The in person meeting will be held in the MAS media center. In physical attendance will be Mr. Jordan, the Board President, and the BA. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced. If we need to use a bigger location in order to maintain the social distancing criteria, the meeting will be moved to the MAS small gym.

Call In Information 7:00 PM & 8:00 PM- March 18

Call In Number: (515) 604-9805

Code for Call: 469922

Maywood Board of Health

The Maywood Board of Health has provided a listing and contact info sheet for all restaurants that provide take out and/or delivery in Maywood. The info sheet is attached to this email.