

# MAYWOOD

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## School Closure Update March 23, 2020

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District Community:

Good evening, I hope your family is well and healthy. I wanted to touch upon two items in this evening's communication.

- Enhanced real time audio and visual platforms
- Proof of closure for employers

As noted in last night's communication, there is a high likelihood of an extended closure. Therefore, the District continues to plan for more days out of school while also enhancing the virtual school day by implementing more digital platforms for real time video and audio communication with students. This will also include our younger students and those receiving special service related services as per guidelines. Because of this new reality, we feel it is important to remind everyone of the strict confidentiality and acceptable use procedures we have in place.

The Maywood Public Schools respects the privacy rights of its students and staff in virtual classrooms via distance learning. As our remote learning continues during this closure staff will begin to use more resources including but not limited to GoogleMeet, Zoom and Screencastify to support real time video and audio communication with individual students and groups of students. These platforms will also be used for special services related services and primary school aged children. All privacy and confidentiality covered under the District's Acceptable Use Policy applies to such use for the duration of the school closure.

Please understand that access to any and all of the virtual platforms within the Maywood School domain is intended for educational purposes, related services and at times group interactions. Please discuss with your child the importance of the appropriate use of any and all digital platforms as a student within the Maywood School District. Students and staff shall access virtual video and audio platforms within said policy for purposes of continuing remote learning during this closure. Please understand that should a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy or Regulation take place, computer system privileges may be revoked and disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken.

*Please complete the form found in the link below for each child in your family who attends the Maywood School District by no later than March 25<sup>th</sup>. By completing the form you will be acknowledging that you have reviewed and understand the information found above.*

<https://forms.gle/7WCWGKvCmWwFa2sz8>

Lastly, in the event that your respective employers may be asking for proof of the closure, I have attached a District memo in the form of a doc below and pdf attached. This may be used to satisfy any such request.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xlZ8Bnkiq0cKLx1t6WnbhwMUtaIXldjMzZCmwKWKfAc/edit?usp=sharing>

Take care and stay strong,

*Michael Jordan*

## **CLOSURE RECAP**

### **MAS & Memorial Student/Staff Spirit Week**

Tuesday, March 24

#### **Mix It Up Day**

Wear the craziest combination of clothing ever while you work at home.

Please send pictures to [mjordan@maywoodschoools.org](mailto:mjordan@maywoodschoools.org) so we can post them on our Twitter site @MAYWOODSCHOOLS and our website, to put smiles on everyone's faces.

### **MAS Parents – Genesis**

Genesis Grade Book has been temporarily disabled. We want the students to attend virtually, hand in the work they are capable of doing at home and not stress about grades right now.

### **Special Education Note**

WE have made it through our first week of virtual school! As more guidance and information is provided by the DOE we are better able to come up with creative solutions for our students who have IEPs and receive Related Services to help meet their needs. Just yesterday the federal government and DOE reversed its previous ruling regarding teletherapy and is now going to allow it with restrictions. In the event that this closure is longer than originally scheduled, Maywood's related services staff and teachers will prepare lessons for teletherapy with students and/ or consultations with parents depending on what's more appropriate given the needs of the students. Annual reviews and other IEP meetings will be held via conference call. Once we return to school we will look at the data of each individual student and based on regression and recoupment, determine what compensatory services are needed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hope your family stays healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Sheryl A. Spencer, LSW  
Supervisor of Special Services

## Emotional Well-Being

Continuing to focus on all of our mental health and stress levels I am providing further resources below.

Here are some online mental health resources:

- [Emotional Well-being During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Top Helpline Resources from National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#)
- [Corona Virus Anxiety Help from NAMI](#)

*Helpful Apps for Coping with stress:*

### [Breath to relax](#)

Breathe2Relax is a portable stress management tool which provides detailed information on the effects of stress on the body and instructions and practice exercises to help users learn the stress management skill called diaphragmatic breathing.

### [HAPPIFY](#)

Happify is the single destination for effective, evidence-based solutions for better mental health. The link is to the website, but you can also download the App through Apple.

### [Sanvello for Stress and Anxiety](#)

Whether you manage a condition like anxiety or depression, deal with stress, or want to improve your overall mental well-being, Sanvello gives you the help, support, and resources you need to feel more in control and happier over time.

## Check Website

We ask that you please check the website by 8 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.maywoodschools.org>

## Distance Learning Daily Schedule

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 18<sup>th</sup> for those students who are eligible.

### **Technology Troubleshooting/Questions**

Please email any of the following staff members:

[kmarie@maywodoschools.org](mailto:kmarie@maywodoschools.org)

[sdamania@maywoodschoools.org](mailto:sdamania@maywoodschoools.org)

[jerryv@maywoodschoools.org](mailto:jerryv@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://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=ahpzfmd3ZWIWtZWR1LXRyYWluaW5nLWNlbnRlcjIcCxlPR2VuZXJhbFJlc291cmNlGICAqKzjo8cIDA>

<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://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](http://4thekids.idecorp.com)