

MAYWOOD

Michael Jordan
Superintendent

Telephone
201-845-9114

School Closure Update March 25, 2020

March 25, 2020

District Community:

Good evening and I hope everyone is doing well. I have new information that pertains to all families included in tonight's communication, and I ask you to particularly review the schedule below carefully.

Closure Length

In meetings today with the County Superintendent of Schools, he informed us that we should begin to prepare for an additional two weeks of closure. Although we all assumed this to be the case, it was the first official notice of this. Therefore, we will continue with distance schooling for the week of March 30th.

Spring Break

The week of April 6th is our Spring Break week and it will remain our Spring Break week. No classes will take place during the week of the 6th as we all need the break and a chance to rest appropriately. Although hopeful, I honestly do not see us returning to school in our buildings on the 13th but we can hold out hope. I will communicate any new information as it becomes available.

State Assessments

The Commissioner and Governor sent notification to all New Jersey School Districts that there will be no state assessments (NJSL/ PARCC) this school year. They correctly, and with urging from our District, came to the conclusion that there is no reason to follow through on testing in these uncertain times.

Marking Period Adjustment

The District has officially changed the end of this marking period at both schools to April 3rd. We did this so as to close out and to allow for time to plan for what we will do with the remainder of the school year as the State decides when and if we return. We will work in the next few weeks to come up with a plan as to how grades will be reported and when. Again, rest assured that nothing will take place that will place a student in jeopardy.

Distribution of Materials

We have created a schedule for further distribution of materials for students now that we know the original two weeks of closure will last longer. This schedule has been put in place in consideration of all guidance from the County and State level regarding group size, social distancing and safety. As you will see below, each grade level will have two time periods, one on Saturday and one on Sunday to pick up materials they will need from their teachers for the next two weeks. We have created five locations at each building for distribution. We have also created outdoor locations for distribution with indoor locations as back up. We will adhere to strict guidelines which includes allowing only one member of the family to pick up the materials. NO children are allowed. All the parent or guardian needs to know is the child's homeroom teacher and grade level and the pick-up of materials will be self-explanatory. The locations will require that one person at a time will pick up their respective materials and anyone waiting must remain at least 6 feet behind the person in front of them waiting. The schedule is found below. The first location listed is the outdoor option and the second location listed is the indoor option. We will make a decision Friday night as to whether we will attempt outdoors or move indoors.

Chromebook Distribution

Chromebook distribution for families who may need a device will take place on Monday, March 30th in the MAS small gym. Students from Memorial and MAS will use the small gym at MAS as the pickup location.

Monday, March 30

MAS Small Gym

7:30 - 8:30 AM

1:00 - 1:30 PM

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Sincerely,

Michael Jordan

Superintendent of Schools

One parent per family is asked to select one of the two options listed to pick up materials. Please pick the date and time that best works with your schedule. The location listed first is outdoor pickup and the second is indoor pickup if need be.

MEMORIAL

Kindergarten Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 12:00 to 12:30 PM

Brislin	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym
Cook	Main Entrance/Mantrap
Lindenau	Fairmount Driveway/Media Center
Safar	Playground/Small Gym
VanLenten	Kindergarten Entrance/ Large Gym

1st Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 11:00 to 11:30 AM

Baker	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym
Cirello	Main Entrance/Mantrap
DeNichlo	Fairmount Driveway/Media Center
McGovern	Playground/Small Gym
Pope	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym

2nd Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 11:00 to 11:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Esposito	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym
Gilbride	Main Entrance/Mantrap
Maksym	Fairmount Driveway/Media Center
Vierno	Playground/Small Gym

3rd Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 12:00 to 12:30 PM

Sunday, March 29 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Cataldi	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym
Chacon	Main Entrance/Mantrap
Krenn	Fairmount Driveway/Media Center
Kuehnle	Playground/Small Gym
Nicolich	Kindergarten Entrance/Large Gym

One parent per family is asked to select one of the two options listed to pick up materials. Please pick the date and time that best works with your schedule. The location listed first is outdoor pickup and the second is indoor pickup if need be.

MAS

4th Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 12:00 to 12:30 PM

Barrett	Main Entrance/Small Gym
Bartlett	4th Grade Door/ Band Room
Boschetti	5th Grade Door/Media Center
Michalski	Courtyard/Large Gym
Yehle	Backfield by Cafeteria/Cafeteria

5th Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Clark	Main Entrance/Small Gym
Ring	4th Grade Door/ Band Room
Schenk	5th Grade Door/ Media Center
Tufano	Courtyard/Large Gym

6th Grade Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 11:00 to 11:30 AM

Sunday, March 29 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Biggins	Main Entrance/Small Gym
Ecochard	4th Grade Door /Band Room
Hanley	5th Grade Door/ Media Center
Larose	Courtyard/ Large Gym
Vastola	Backfield by Cafeteria/Cafeteria

7th & 8th Grades Homerooms

Saturday, March 28 12:00 to 12:30 PM

Sunday, March 29 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Bonelli & Fiedler	Main Entrance/Small Gym
Harmon & Napolitano	4th Grade Door /Band Room
Ballerini & Fisher	5th Grade Door / Media Center
Koenig & McNamara	Courtyard/ Large Gym
Pitre	Backfield by Cafeteria/ Cafeteria

Students in our MAP and/or LLD programs will receive information regarding distribution under a separate communication.

Chromebook Distribution for MAS and MEM students in need

Monday, March 30 MAS Small Gym 7:30 - 8:30 AM, 1:00 - 1:30 PM, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

CLOSURE UPDATE

Google Meet, Zoom, Screencastify Tutorials

As noted in prior communications, we will begin to rely more heavily on real time on line audio/video platforms to provide teaching and learning opportunities as well as related services. The District will rely heavily on GoogleMeet as we are a Google district and the ease of use for our students as each of them have a Gmail account with the district domain of @maywoodschools.org lends itself to our purposes. Zoom and Screencastify may be used as well but not as often as Google Meet. Please find below tutorials and guides that may assist you in getting your home devices ready for use. We ask that students and parents alike in all grade levels review the tutorials to make the transition as smooth as possible for all involved.

Google Meet

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9300131?hl=en>
<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720?hl=en>

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>
https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204772869-Zoom-Rooms-User-Guide?mobile_site=true

Screencastify

<https://help.screencastify.com/category/131-initial-setup>
<https://help.screencastify.com/>
<https://www.screencastify.com/blog/beginners-guide-educators>
<https://help.screencastify.com/collection/128-user-guide>

Kindergarten Registration Postponed

Unfortunately, our Kindergarten Registration scheduled for Monday, 3/30, Tues, 3/31, Wed., 4/1 and Thursday, 4/2 has been postponed until further notice.

Bergen Teen Arts Festival

The Bergen Teen Arts Festival scheduled for May has been canceled. The event each year takes place on the campus of Bergen Community College which has closed for the remainder of the school year.

CLOSURE RECAP

MAS & Memorial Student/Staff Spirit Week

Thursday, March 26

Favorite Team Day

Wear whatever you have that represents your favorite team or teams while working from home.

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

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.maywoodschoools.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 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

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=ahpzfmd3ZWItZWR1LXRyYWluaW5nLWNlbnRlcnlCcxIPR2VuZXJhbFJlc291cmNIGICAqKzjo8cIDA>

<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/FbzlnQsl3f>

4thekids.idecorp.com