

MAYWOOD

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School Closure Update March 27, 2020

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Good evening, I hope your family is well. As we end the week I wanted to touch base on a few things.

Teachers of the Year

Each year New Jersey School districts select teachers of the year. In Bergen County, each district is then invited to a celebration in May where all of the 73 Bergen County school districts bring their teachers of the year and guests. It is always a great event. Each year Maywood asks teachers in both buildings to nominate colleagues from MAS and Memorial and we come together as a committee to then select the Memorial and MAS teachers of the year. That committee meeting took place yesterday via conference call. We had a number of outstanding candidates and indeed the decision was going to be a tough one. Instead of discussing each nomination I offered a motion to the committee. That motion asked for the nomination for teachers of the year to be each and every teacher at both MAS and Memorial. I asked for a vote and it was unanimously approved, rightfully so. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the Teachers of the Year in the Maywood School District is the entire staff. Deserved like never before!

Length of Closure Update

The Governor was clear in his press conference yesterday that the decision to reopen schools is his decision to make. He went on to state, "we (Governor's Office) will not be prepared to revisit the closure until at least April 17th, at the very earliest."

Packet Deliveries

Although the game plan for the packet deliveries was emailed to you this afternoon, I included it again below.

Maywood School District Packet Delivery Plan Saturday, March 28

- Grades PreK, K, 1, 2 and MAP **WILL** have deliveries made on Saturday.
- Grades 3,4,5,6,7,8 **WILL NOT** have deliveries as most if not all items are digital.
There are a few exceptions for students in grades 3,4,5,6,7,8. Those exceptions are few but they will receive deliveries if need be.
- We have close to 30 staff volunteers ready to deliver.
- The deliveries will begin at 9am and the hope is that most if not all will be completed by 12 pm.
- The packets were put together by our staff while they were wearing masks and gloves out of an extreme sense of precaution. The packets will be delivered by staff wearing masks and gloves as well.
- Packets will be dropped on the home's front steps and/or mailbox. The doorbell may be rang but there will not be any conversation as the volunteers have been told to drop and go. Perhaps if we are lucky we can catch a wave or two.
- The weather looks like it will not cooperate with us. Although all packets will be in plastic bags, we ask that you consistently check throughout the morning as to whether there is a delivered packet on your front steps so as to not allow for any damage to the materials.
- If anyone still needs a chromebook we will offer three time periods to pick them up. The location is MAS for both MAS and Memorial families. Please only come for a chromebook if you absolutely need it as our supply is being drained.

Monday, March 30

MAS Small Gym

7:30 - 8:30 AM

1:00 - 1:30 PM

5:00 - 6:00 PM

We thank you for your continued cooperation during this time.

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