

School Closure Update

April 23, 2020

Good evening, I hope all is well and that your family is safe and healthy. Please find below an update as of this evening.

Hoping the following puts a smile on your face. I randomly selected 50 students and emailed them to ask for some help. I asked them to send me responses to the following - "*I Miss.....*" I expected answers that were simple and funny. I received much more. Yes, the answers are simple and funny, but they are so much more. The answers are genuine, heartbreaking, uplifting and a reminder of the importance of school and the importance of what childhood is all about. So I offer you some of the responses as a means to put things in perspective and to take a deep breath and smile. Enjoy.

I miss the smell of the school

I miss my friends and high fives and fist bumps

I miss the cafeteria food. I really never thought I would say that but I kind of miss the cafeteria food.

I miss my teachers' real voices. It is just different hearing them on the chromebook.

I miss laughing with my friends about funny stuff in school.

I miss gym class. I even miss doing the laps around the gym and the field.

I miss the smell of the markers in the classroom that my teacher uses on the whiteboard.

I miss my cubby where I put my things

I miss my locker but I do not miss my lock that always gets jammed.

I miss everything.

April 28th District PTO/Parent Info Meeting

The executive committees of both PTOs met last night via GoogleMeet with district admin. The meeting went very well and we indicated that the next step is to hold a virtual District PTO meeting. This meeting will take place on the 28th at 6:30 PM. It will be GoogleMeet that will focus on the agenda items found in the link below. Please complete the form if you plan on attending so that we can get a feel as to whether we need more than one session. By completing the form you will then receive the GoogleMeet link and further details.

Google Doc Agenda

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bAXHT7ec66C2Hxj4AejlbZnA8nPlmQV4zT3yqeGRsD8/edit?usp=sharing>

Google Form Link for Attendance

<https://forms.gle/WzVGCJ9jRjZetyveA>

Maywood Schools' Food Pantry

Whether it be the Souper Bowl of Caring or the random food drop offs that we sponsor during the year, we value the Maywood Food Pantry and how it impacts the lives of those in need. We realize that now more than ever, families in Maywood and those fed by other local organizations are in need. We would like to continue by helping these people and organizations through our Food Pantry. Therefore we would like to coordinate a safe drop off of donations as many of you have reached out inquiring how drop offs can be made. Instead of random drop offs or multiple people arriving at a central

location all at once we offer you the following opportunity to help in a safe way.

Drop off Dates/Times

Sunday, April 26 & May 3 11 AM - 1 PM MAS Lot

Please drive into the Maywood Avenue lot and follow the cones that will be set up. Please stay in your car and follow the drop off location route. Please remain in your car until the car in front of you has dropped off and left. Simply pull up to the sign that indicates the end of the line and proceed by dropping off items in the designated location. Please return to your car and then exit accordingly out of the parking lot via the designated cones. We ask that during the drop off everyone wear a mask and gloves.

We especially need:

1. Any type of ready-to-eat **Microwave Meals** (Kraft, Chef Boyardee, Hormel, Barilla, etc.)
2. Canned **Meat/Fish** - Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Ham, etc.
3. Canned **Stew or Chili**
4. Canned **Soup or Boxed Soup Mix**
5. **Pancake or Waffle Mix**
6. **Boxed Baking Mixes** - Cake, Cookie, Muffin, Brownie
7. **Peanut Butter and Jelly**
8. **Applesauce**
9. **Canned Vegetables**
10. **Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups**

11. Canned Pasta
12. Pasta Sauce
13. Boxed and microwavable Macaroni and Cheese
14. Side Dishes - Potatoes, Rice, Stuffing, etc.
15. Gift cards to Shoprite/BJs/Costco, etc *Please no candy or beverages.

Self Care Week

As we wrap up "Self Care Week" in District, please log on to the school website at maywoodschoools.org and click on the middle of the page where it says, "MINDFULNESS MOMENT". You will find three new videos from our guidance counselors taking in mind the importance of stress reduction and mindfulness.

FRIDAY IS WEAR BLUE DAY

Friday, April 24

We Are Blue Without You Day

Wear Blue and send pics to mjordan@maywoodschoools.org

District Scholastic Book Fair

April 15 - 28

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=maywoodavenueschool>

Please note that the link states MAS but this is a districtwide book fair during the closure. Once on the site it will direct you to the grade specific items. Have fun !

Kindergarten Registration

All kindergarten registration has shifted to our website. Any in person registration and screenings will take place at a later time. However, it is important to register online at maywoodschools.org prior to May 15th. We ask everyone to please spread the word to those in the community you know who expect to register their child for kindergarten for the 20-21 school year.

SPIRIT WEEK

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

Monday, April 27

Tie Day

Wear a Tie to Virtual School



Tuesday, April 28

Stuffed Animal Day

Bring your favorite Stuffed Animal to school today.



Wednesday, April 29

UGLY SWEATER DAY

Wear your Ugliest Sweater that you own.



Thursday, April 30

Catch - Up Day & Ketchup Day

Utilize the day to "Catch - Up" on any assignments or studying you need to do. And have some Ketchup with either your breakfast, lunch, or dinner.



Friday, May 1

SCHOOL SPIRIT Day

Show your MAS & Memorial Spirit by wearing some school swag!!

