

School Closure Update

April 9, 2020

Kindergarten Registration - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Current Maywood District parents, please share the Kindergarten registration message below to friends and family you know are looking to register. Please share on social media as well so we can hit as many people in the community as possible. Simply put, anyone interested in registering for Kindergarten should log on to our website

<https://www.maywoodschoools.org/> starting on April 14th to register online.

The Maywood School District would like to announce its revised plan for Kindergarten Registration. Due to the school closure, the kindergarten registration that was scheduled for the end of March and beginning of April was obviously cancelled. Although school is closed the district must plan for the upcoming school year and therefore kindergarten registration is important.

Beginning on **Tuesday, April 14th**, we ask any resident whose child is entering Kindergarten in September to please visit the district website at <https://www.maywoodschoools.org/> and click on the section in the middle of the page entitled "**VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**". Once there you will register online and provide documents in a digital format. Once we are able to open school we will then schedule dates and times for in person meetings and screenings.

It is very important to register via the website for planning purposes. Some families may have already completed a portion of the registration on Genesis and had an in person appointment scheduled and some may not have started at all.

Regardless of where you were in the process we need all families of incoming kindergarten students to log in to the virtual registration platform and complete what is asked of you.

A reminder of the requirements for registration:

- Parent/parents) must reside in Maywood;
- The child wishing to attend Kindergarten must be living with you, the parent(s);
- The child must turn 5 on/or before October 1, 2020.

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

YMCA BeforeCare & AfterCare

The YMCA is continually assessing the situation based on directives from the Governor. Currently all Before and After Care fees that were drafted on March 15th for April have been credited to each family's YMCA account. They will not be drafting on April 15th for the May program. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Latko at alatko@meadowlandsymca.org.

Catch Up Days

As referenced in the prior communication, we will institute "Catch Up Days" upon return from spring break so as to allow for students and staff to catch up on outstanding items as we navigate through distance learning. The first of these dates is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st. We will back from break and go for six consecutive distance learning days and will then have the catch up day on the 7th day which is the 21st. Teachers will provide "Do Now" activities to begin the day and to note attendance and then the students will be allowed to catch up on what they need for the day as opposed to following the prescribed schedule of classes.

GoogleMeet Security Update

You may have heard of security and privacy concerns regarding Zoom and Google Meet. To reinforce security and ease of use, Google Meet has been added to Google Classroom settings. This allows teachers to post the link on their classroom page, and, more importantly, reset that link in one click. This way no one can rejoin that meeting or will bother to share (or hack into) the link because it quickly becomes obsolete. Below is an excellent video explaining how to use this feature and clearly explains how this will keep our virtual classroom meetings secure. I suggest everyone watch the video. The District will be adopting the procedures outlined.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EogUzflAwdc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR19J8EEzhsP7wvbHsEQHswGG6nT7SSpEnWTE8aZicWUwh9JEPUX_RZWnOs