

Peekskill City School District

Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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Dear Peekskill Families,

As we conclude our fifth week of Continued Learning from home, our District remains focused on supporting our students and families in every way possible. As a reminder, in addition to each building's online curriculum, we also have health and wellness resources <u>available here</u> on our district website.

School Closure - NYS PAUSE Extended:

Please note that on Thursday, April 16, Governor Cuomo extended NY PAUSE through Friday, May 15. If no additional extension occurs, this would have us returning to school on Monday, May 18. As I have said previously, please keep in mind that this date may continue to be extended and know that we are continuing to prepare for prolonged closures beyond this date.

Registration Packets/Daycare Transportation Forms:

Parents who need to submit Registration Packets, Daycare Transportation forms or Change of Address forms may drop this paperwork off at Uriah Hill Elementary between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Friday. Printable forms can be found <u>here</u>.

Elementary Packet Pick-Up:

Our Elementary teachers are offering on-line learning and we continue to improve this effort. This week, I joined Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mary Keenan Foster to hand out printed learning packets. While we offer various online learning resources and electronic files of our packets, we continue to make copies of these materials as the packets are in high demand by our parents and guardians. Packets are for students who do not have access to technology or prefer to use hard copy learning in addition to technology. Students who prefer to use technology for online learning only do not need to pick up a packet. Phase II packet distribution will continue Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Oakside School and Peekskill High School.

Report Cards & Parent Portal Access:

Student report cards will soon be available on our Parent Portal. If you need to register for Parent Portal, or you need help accessing information on the site, please view our <u>Parent Portal information</u> <u>page here</u> as soon as possible to prevent any delay to your access of this information. The

elementary second trimester ended on March 13 due to school closing and report cards will be available on the Parent Portal beginning April 23. The secondary quarter ends on April 24, and report cards will be available on May 1.

Library Cards for Parents/Students

During this extraordinary time, <u>The Field Library</u> is committed to providing library services while they are closed and will be allowing patrons to <u>apply for library cards online here</u>. The card will allow you to access their online resources such as e-books, streaming video/music, <u>online tutoring</u> and more. You can also email the Library directly at pek@wlsmail.org to request a card.

For more information on our district's day-to-day work, <u>please click here</u> to access the Superintendent's Communication Brief. This newsletter is published regularly to keep the community engaged and supported while highlighting our staff's work.

As always, I thank our school community for their partnership, patience and understanding during these challenging times. We will continue to persist as a school community, and *will* get through this together.

Sincerely,

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