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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We are closing out **Week 9** of our Distance Learning Experience. As we are now aware that traditional schooling for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year will not occur, we are focusing our efforts on actively keep our students engaged in remote learning as well as tackling some logistical tasks. As promised, we are striving to provide you with all of the information and tools you need to assist your child in learning from home.

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

By now you should have received correspondence from the school principals regarding dates/times for retrieval of the students' personal belongings from the schools. Below is the list of dates/for all three schools. Please be sure to review the pick-up procedures letter sent to you, as all three schools have slightly different details. If you are unable to pick up your child's items during the designated times, please email your child's principal so alternative arrangements can be made.

Date	Mary F. Janvier School	Main Road School	Caroline Reutter School (by first letter of last name)
Tuesday, May 19th	9:00 -11:00 (Pre K and Kindergarten) 11:30 -1:30 (1st Grade) 1:30 - 3:30 (2nd Grade)	9:00-11:00 (3rd grade) 11:00-1:00 (4th grade)	A-G (8 AM-9 AM) H-N (9:30 AM-10:30 AM) O-Z (11 AM-Noon)
Wednesday, May 20th	9:00 -11:00 (2nd Grade) 11:30-1:30 (Pre K and Kindergarten) 1:30 - 3:30 (1st Grade) 5:00-7:00 (All Grades)	12:00-1:30 (3rd grade) 1:30-3:00 (4th grade) 5:00-7:00 (All grades)	A-G (2 PM - 3 PM) H-N (3 PM - 4 PM) O-Z (4 PM - 5 PM) ALL (5 PM - 7PM)

FIELD TRIP REIMBURSEMENT

As previously reported, all of the field trips scheduled for this spring have been canceled. The business office has processed refund checks for anyone that had submitted money toward a field trip. The refund checks were mailed directly to your home address this week. If you have not received your refund, please contact your child's principal.

VIRTUAL 6TH GRADE "MOVING UP" CEREMONY

This year's sixth grade "Moving Up" ceremony will occur virtually. Mr. Peters, principal of the Caroline L. Reutter School, is currently working with his staff and student leaders to develop a dignified virtual ceremony. More information will be communicated once it becomes available.

CHROMEBOOKS

Friendly reminder that the decision has been made to allow the students to keep their Chromebooks at home during the summer months. This does include the Chromebooks for our current sixth grade students. Those Chromebooks will be collected in the fall at Delsea. Please know that if you transfer your child to another school district, you will be required to return the Chromebook prior to transfer records being released. It is our hope that students will use the access to technology for educational purposes during the summer months. The curriculum department is working on a list of suggested academic activities that students can participate in using their Chromebooks.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

UPDATE-We continue to urge parents of Kindergarten aged children (for September 2020) to complete the online pre-registration form. The form can be found on the district website under the student registration tab or [click here](#). **We are currently finalizing registration paperwork collection details that should be released next week.** Please pass this information on to anyone you may know that has a child that will be entering Kindergarten in September.

FOOD SERVICE CONTIUES ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS/BREAKFAST INLCUDED

Beginning this week, NutriServe Food Service Inc., has started including breakfast foods with the normal lunch deliveries. Friendly reminder that lunches are available for pick up or delivery on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10:00 am and noon at the Mary F. Janvier School. Please know that even if you are not in the free/reduced lunch program but are in need of food support, we are here to help. Contact your child's school counselor or building principal if you need assistance. For your reference, there is a list of local food pantries posted on the Distance Learning web page.

STUDENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We have been in distance learning for 9 weeks and we have 5 weeks to go until the end of the school year! The finish line is in sight. Is your family starting to feel quarantine fatigue? Is it becoming more difficult to keep your child/ren engaged in their distance learning? As the weather gets warmer and the weeks in quarantine lengthen it is important to remain engaged and motivated to finish out the school year! We can do this!! Our teaching staff is working hard to provide engaging learning opportunities for the students. They are brainstorming ways to maximize student engagement to finish the year strong!

Here are some tips to keep you and your children engaged:

- Be flexible in your daily routine. Some days will be better than others.
- Take breaks throughout the day. Go outside, get fresh air then come back in to complete another assignment.
- Encourage your child to get up and move around the house in between assignments.
- Allow them to stand to complete their assignments.
- Make a check off list for all assignments daily and have them check off items as they complete them.
- Provide your child with some choice about the order in which they do their assignments.
- Provide your child with immediate positive feedback and praise.
- Talk with your child about how they are feeling. Our children are feeling a lot of different emotions during distance learning and this quarantine. Support how they are feeling, tell them it is okay to feel this way and emphasize as best as possible.
- Stay connected with friends, family and classmates. Schedule time for your child to engage in virtual connections with friends, family members and classmates through video chat, phone calls or writing and mailing drawings and pictures.
- Brain Breaks and Activities
<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:155f6aa9-4135-4b0e-9fd5-1f803119a96c>
- Tips for parents and caregivers <https://blog.teacherspayteachers.com/distance-learning-16-practical-tips-for-parents-and-caregivers/>

DISTANCE LEARNING WEBPAGE

A friendly reminder to continue using the **Distance Learning Web page** as means to stay informed. This page will consistently be updated so please visit this site often. [Distance Learning Web Page](#)

Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and the school community. Our faculty and staff is working hard to make the best of this Distance Learning experience. Please let us know how we can be of an assistance. Stay safe.

Yours in education,



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