



## Greenwood Lake Union Free School District

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Dear GWL Families,

It is often said that in times of crisis, you find out people's true colors. Over the past week, I have found that Greenwood Lake's Faculty, Staff, Board of Education, Administrators, and Community are all made up of a wonderfully, amazingly beautiful RAINBOW of colors. The outreach and offers to help have been tremendous!

There are several important details that will be addressed in this letter, so please read through carefully.

### School Meal Program

Greenwood Lake UFSD will provide grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals over the next three weeks to ANY student that needs it. This is for ALL students, K-12.

Any family that plans on picking up meals, needs household food, or other necessary supplies, please click [HERE](#) to fill out our Needs Survey. This survey will allow us to best plan and support you in the upcoming weeks. Any families who qualify for free/reduced meals, please indicate on the survey if you are quarantined or otherwise unable to pick up meals from the designated location; we will arrange delivery.

**Our School Meal program will begin this Tues, March 17 and continue through Fri, April 3.**

**10:30am – 12:00 pm**

**Monday - Friday**

**GWL Elementary School**

**80 Waterstone Rd, Greenwood Lake**

I am aware that several restaurants in town have offered meals to students. Backpack Snack Attack will continue its support of our students by delivering bags to us for pick up on Fridays. We are in contact with the Greenwood Lake Food Pantry, who have offered to assist. See what I mean about that rainbow??

### Student Work

All GWL staff will be coming in tomorrow. Teachers will create resources for blended learning activities (paper, hands-on, and technology) that parents can do at home with their children in the various subject areas. As there is no replacement for a highly trained teacher, these will not be instructional in nature, but instead will be review/educational activities to support all learners. **None of this work will be mandated, graded, or used to calculate report card grades.** Links to these sites will be sent to you over email, posted to our FaceBook page, and linked on our website by the end of the day on Monday.



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In addition, we are planning to allow iPads (gr. K-1) and ChromeBooks (2-8) to go home with all K-8 students. If a 9-12 student would like to borrow a ChromeBook, please email Susan LePre ([slepre@gwlufsd.org](mailto:slepre@gwlufsd.org)); she will arrange access to a device for you. Should you not want the school's device, you are free to use your own devices at home to access the digital resources we share. The 3rd - 8th grade school-issued ChromeBooks will continue to be monitored and filtered using our GoGuardian software. K-2nd and any devices lent to 9-12 students will NOT be filtered, so parents will need to oversee their use.

We have created the following pick up schedule TOMORROW, March 16<sup>th</sup>, for families to come get personal items out of classrooms/lockers, technology devices (iPads & ChromeBooks), medicine, and student worksheets:

Elementary School 1:30 – 3:30 pm

K-1 Elm Street/ Back Entrance  
2-3 Waterstone/ Main Entrance

Middle School 12:30 – 2:30 pm

4-5 4-5/ Evening Events Entrance  
6-8 Main Entrance

We ask that you be patient with our staff during these pick-up times. They will be doing the best they can. We will be restricting how many students/families can go up to classrooms to retrieve personal items at any given time. That may mean a bit of a wait. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer before heading up to classrooms.

*Important: Families who have household members over the age of 60 or who are immunocompromised, you may come 15 minutes early (1:15 ES and 12:15 MS).*

If you are unable to come to the school, we encourage you to contact another GWL parent, asking them to pick up your child's devices/packets and then arrange to meet them at a later time.

### Wireless Connectivity at Home

If you do not have wireless internet at home, please click [HERE](#) to take our Needs Survey. We are dedicated to making sure all students have access to the internet and therefore can use the devices we are sending home.



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Helpful Resources

Talking to children about the coronavirus and what is happening can be hard to navigate as a parent. I hope you find these two resources as helpful as I did when deciding how to talk with my daughter.

Talking to Children about CoVid-19: A Parent Resource

This was put out by the National Association of School Psychologists.

Coronavirus – Social Story

This is an easy to read, short digital story book that would be most appropriate for our K-3 students.

Lastly, the MOST important thing you can do in the upcoming weeks is participate in social distancing – avoid close contact with individuals outside of your household family in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on. As a part of this effort, our fields and playgrounds will be closed to the public during these upcoming weeks. We humbly ask, if it is possible, that there be no playdates, sleepovers, or visiting each other’s houses. Even choosing one or two friends to interact with creates new links and possibilities for the transmission of the virus that we are trying to prevent. The more people that do this, the faster we will be able to return to our normal lives and routines.

Together, we will get through this. Our many colors make a magnificent rainbow. Returning to school and each other will be our pot of gold.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hadden

