

Oceanport School District Update for Friday, March 20, 2020

Good Day to Our Oceanport Parents and Guardians:

As the Oceanport School District concludes week #1 of online instruction, we are analyzing the main goals of the week just passed:

- First, to ensure that all students had online and computer access;
- Second, to ensure that all students were attending on-line (Principals can tell who logged on each day and have contacted those who did not log on via telephone);
- Third, to provide for review of key concepts by our students.

As we enter into week two at home, students will be using Google Classroom to connect fully with their teachers, who have prepared inspiring lessons, numerous extension activities, and other exciting online offerings for our students.

Building Principals sent out an update on Google Classroom to all parents in each building at 10:00 a.m. today, Friday, March 20, 2020

Principals are also using Google Classroom to create a virtual school community for all students and staff. The daily pledge to the flag, morning announcements, and more will be offered on this site to both schools. Please see Principal's Update dated today for further information.

Questions on Week 2 Activities? Parents needing to contact a teacher may do so via e-mail. Teachers have been reading and responding daily to parents (often throughout the day) and will continue to do so. Parents can also reach out to Building Principals, as needed:

- Wolf Hill School Principal, Mr. Mark Maglione: mmaglione@oceanport.k12.nj.us
- Maple Place School Principal, Mr. Matthew Howell: mhowell@oceanport.k12.nj.us

Special Services:

The Oceanport Special Services Department has been working tirelessly to contact those parents who need assistance with IEPs and 504-plans. The district has provided both at-home "telehealth" services for our students, as well as guaranteeing the availability of "Make-Up Sessions" for any student missing OT, PT, and Speech during a school closure. Proposed "Make-Up Sessions" will be scheduled during the summer Extended School Year Program.

Case managers are readily available via email and will be calling parents to check-in.

If you are a Parent in need of assistance with an IEP, related service, or 504 Plan, please contact your child's case manager:

- Mrs. Stacy Liu (sliu@oceanport.k12.nj.us);
- Dr. Donna McCartin (dmccartin@oceanport.k12.nj.us);
- Ms. Donna Spader (dspader@oceanport.k12.nj.us); or
- CST Supervisor, Mrs. Lauren Malaney via e-mail: lmalaney@oceanport.k12.nj.us

Free and Reduced Lunch:

The Oceanport School District has also ensured that those students who qualify for daily Free and Reduced Lunch can receive a lunchtime meal each day.

Coordinating with food vendor Culinary Simplified, the district has developed a daily drive-through lunch pick up for identified students to include a daily choice of sandwiches; fresh vegetable; fresh fruit; and milk.

Free and Reduced lunch pick-up takes place from 11:30-12:30 daily at Wolf Hill School – 29 Wolf Hill Avenue, Oceanport - Door #9.

As I conclude this message, I would like to thank every parent who contacted us in the past week – some with constructive criticism, others with questions, many just to speak an encouraging word or to say thank you. Your input is vital to us as we charter this “new normal”. We thank you for your patience. We thank you for your willingness to work together side-by-side (virtually) for the sake of our schoolchildren.

Looking forward to working together in the week ahead.

Sincere Best Wishes,

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