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Superintendent's Message:

Happy Summer All...We Thank You and Wish You Well!

June 5, 2020

Dear GUSD Parents, Families, and Community,

Happy last day of school to each of you as you look forward to spending time with your home families! We want to thank you for your support of our school community during these last few COVID-19 months. Today we celebrated our VVMS 8th grade promotion and it was a culmination of many wonderful years of accomplishments! I want you to know that we appreciate your support this year both academically and social-emotionally during this pandemic and we look forward to sharing our return plans with you once our Reopening Schools Task Force completes their recommendations in late July. I sincerely thank you on behalf of our GUSD staff who send you all big hugs and extra smiles for a great summer!

For this week, your updates are as follows:

8th Grade Celebration of Promotion was AMAZING! Our VVMS "Drive Thru" celebration ceremony was amazing! Our celebration included promotion gowns, celebratory speeches, and live-streaming on our GUSD Facebook page [right here](#) so you can view all the positive emotions and Grizzly Bear Pride! We celebrate our students and the culmination of 8th grade and their wonderful success at Greenfield High School! Thank you to all our teachers and staff, but especially our VVMS team family for making this day such a thoughtful, well-planned celebration!

Census 2020 Push Week is June 8-13th in Greenfield! If you live in Greenfield, get ready to BE COUNTED by our Census 2020 push team! Here is [our flyer](#) so you can see what we will do with our partners the City of Greenfield this next week! Completing the Census 2020 will ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, public safety, plan new homes, businesses and improve neighborhoods. All responses are CONFIDENTIAL There are 3 ways to self-report so please help our wonderful community of Greenfield be counted! We count, we rise! Please call our offices for assistance in completing it in one of these ways:

- On-line: www.mycensus.gov
- By phone: 1-844-330-2020
- Via mail (most households have already received their packets)

Our Reopening Schools Task Force: Our Reopening Schools Task Force comprised of teachers, classified staff, administrators, and parents has now divided into expert groups so that they can create recommendations for the following areas: Instruction, Health, Safety, Nutrition, Wellness and Family Engagement. We will continue to post our Task Force agendas on our GUSD website, and on our Twitter and Facebook pages as we continue to meet throughout the summer months. Thank you!

Summer Reading Enrichment Launch: We are excited to share that we will have an exciting Summer Enrichment program for incoming students into PreK through grade 8 that will focus on reading and literacy along with several enriching Chromebook applications that will allow our students to continue

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fun, independent learning during the summer months. Students will win some great prizes such as bicycles, backpacks, PBIS bucks, and more! A flyer can be viewed [right here](#).

Summer Nutrition and Meal Service for Students: Meal service will continue on June 8th and throughout [the month of July](#). Breakfast and lunch “grab-and-go” meals for students will be given on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. during the summer months at two school sites (Arroyo Seco Academy and Cesar Chavez Elementary) with enough meals to provide 5 breakfast and 5 lunches each week. The meals for GUSD families from the Monterey County Food Bank is still uncertain for our summer months. For now, GUSD families may go to Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 10-11am to pick up food.

WiFi AVAILABLE throughout Greenfield: We now have WiFi all over Greenfield with 60+ broadband access points available all day long. Please [click on this map](#) to see all FREE WiFi locations in Greenfield highlighted in yellow. We want 100% of our students to be able to use their Chromebook this summer. WiFi access will still be offered through [MST access support](#) at Mary Chapa Academy and Oak Avenue School during designated hours. Additionally, please click on [this link](#) for Technology team office hours if you need assistance.

Governor Newsom’s California Budget: The Governor’s May Revision and budget proposal for 2020-2021 fiscal year was rejected by the legislators. The legislators rejected it as they want to hold K-12 school funding harmless from cuts. This is great news for us for next year, even though future years still remain uncertain. For now, we will celebrate and anxiously await what is shared with California between June 15th and June 30th when they must approve a balanced budget. If you wrote letters to our politicians, we thank you because our voices were heard! We used [this link](#) to email our local and state politicians to prioritize K-12 Education.

Monterey County Positive COVID cases: As of June 5, 2020, there are 469 positive cases in Monterey County, 99 in south county, and 23 specifically in Greenfield. There continues to be two new Covid-19 testing sites in Monterey County, with one at the Greenfield branch of Monterey County Free Libraries. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. Everyone is encouraged to get tested even if they do not have flu like symptoms.

Mary Chapa Construction!: We are happy to report that our Mary Chapa Academy and the ten (10) new modular classrooms are looking great! They will be ready to receive our wonderful students this August when we are able to reopen our school doors to our students for 2020-21. Thank you so much to our GUSD maintenance and facility crews for getting them ready for our students!

Friendly Reminder- Deep Cleaning Continues for ALL GUSD Facilities: We wish to thank all of our staff family who continue to make sure that health and safety is a top priority for us in GUSD. Each day we have staff that tend our buildings and facilities to ensure that sanitation and cleanliness of all spaces happens after staff, students, or community members visit our facilities for school business. Please join me in thanking them!

Friendly Reminder- Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten Registration: We are actively registering your 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. We had great success during our designated registration weeks and continue to set up parent appointments for the completion of all registration forms either online or in person.

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Please call your school office and follow Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked pages on our Facebook for flyers and further details as we continue to register all eligible children. Thank you!

Friendly reminder- Staff Communication System: Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are up to date at your school and with human resources to ensure you are receiving important Parent Square messages. If you have previously opted out of school and district messages, please ask your school to opt you back in. It's very important to stay connected during the summer. Our Parent Square notification system is our communications platform for general and emergency information so please help us help you. Please also visit our school website for current information at <https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/>

Friendly Reminder- Family Resource Center: The Family Resource Center will have staff available every Monday from 9:00 am-5:00pm to support our families. Please call or visit them if you need help with student registrations, completing the Census 2020, or other items that you need help with.

Friendly Reminder- School Office Staff: Please call our district office or any of our school offices as ALL calls will be forwarded to our staff for a quick response. We understand that families may have questions, so please reach out to us if you need to and we will be happy to connect with you.

Friendly Reminder- Health Guidelines: For health guidelines, please visit:

- GUSD website: <https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/health-safety-updates>
- Monterey County Health Department and Center for Disease Control <https://www.montereycountyclinicservices.org/>
- United Way by dialing "2-1-1" or visiting their comprehensive 211 webpage at <https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/211>.
- The office of Governor Gavin Newsom at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>

On behalf of the District and our School Board of Trustees, have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break! We wish you good health and wellness this summer and look forward to welcoming you back through our school doors when it is safe to do so. Take good care of yourself so you can take care of those around you. Have a blessed summer with your families and thank you for letting GUSD be a part of your lives!

Sincerely,

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