



GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent's Message: Thank you for all you do Community of Greenfield!

May 1, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community of Greenfield,

I hope you have had a wonderful week as we begin May 1st and planning for our next few weeks together. We have several updates for this week that you will want to be aware of as we continue distance learning and offering essential services to our students and community. I want to thank our Greenfield community and GUSD family for your continued support of our children during this pandemic through positive connections, engagement, and support.

This week, I would like to share the following:

Governor Newsom's Order on School Resuming in July: As you may have heard this week, the Governor shared he recommended we begin school as early as July to support any learning gaps in students as a result of our school closures. At this time, we are not planning to start anytime earlier than our designated August 12th student return day; however, if any state mandates are ordered for our school district, we will work with our GUSD School Board, staff, union leaders, and community to determine our next steps moving forward. We thank you for your understanding.

Monterey County Executive Order: As you know, this week there is a mandatory face mask covering order that all residents of Monterey County must follow. The only exceptions are children under the age of 12 and especially babies age 2 and under. We ask that you still exercise great caution with children of any age and keep them safe and 6 feet away from others outside those that live in your household. The Monterey County Health department also extended the Shelter in Place order through May 31st which continues to reinforce that residents only leave their homes for essential functions as to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. We thank you for your cooperation and support in following this order.

Distance Learning: Distance learning continues to be our education delivery system through the remainder of this school year as you will see that we will be releasing a Distance Learning Handbook available to you via Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked on our Facebook pages. Our teachers, administrators and district staff have worked hard to create an educational system that supports and will meet the needs and goals of all students and continue to strive to support you with our principals, teachers, counselors, and support staff are ready to support you. The handbook has information regarding student registration and enrollment for 2020-21, social emotional support, health information, Census 2020, and much more.

Returning Distance Learning Curriculum Packets: We have shared a communication for the safe and secure return of your curriculum packets so please make sure you have them completed and that they are ready to return in May for credit or no credit. Every child must

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make a “good faith” attempt to complete every page and to work directly with your teachers for learning support. All TK/K students returned their packets to date and picked up their classroom belongings this week and grades 1-8 will be retrieving and dropping off in the next two weeks. Information detail is available to you via Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked on our Facebook pages. Thank you!

Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten Registration: We will be in the process of registering of your 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. Next week, May 4-8 is our registration week to set up parent appointments for the completion of all registration forms either online or in person. Please call your school office and follow Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked pages on our Facebook for flyers and details. We are adding Tuesday evening 5-7pm at all sites as well.

Technology and WiFi Access: Please contact your teacher or administrator if your student has not yet picked up a device for distance learning. We have enough for every child to receive on and there is no need to share with a sibling. All students in grades preschool through-8th grade have been given a device with very few still needing to come to pick up one. Please call your child’s school if you still need to pick up your device. Also, if you need more information for WiFi access, please call our school offices for more information. We will continue to send you communication on WiFi access points available to our Greenfield Community, such as the MST access support at Patriot Park during designated hours until we are able to provide additional access points for our students.

Nutrition and Meal Service Program: The district continues to provide breakfast and lunch grab-and-go meals for students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at all school sites. The meals from the Monterey County Food Bank provided by GUSD has been suspended due to low inventory and will resume when possible. For now, GUSD families may go to Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 10-11am to pick up food.

8th Grade Promotion: This is still a work in progress to determine a meaningful way to celebrate the culmination of 8th grade and the matriculation to Greenfield High School. Our middle school is thinking of creative ways to celebrate our wonderful 8th graders with more information forthcoming.

Parent Communication System: Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are up to date at your school to ensure you are receiving important 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 and receive any emergency information. Our Parent Square notification system is our communications platform for general information 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/>

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

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help with student registrations, completing the Census 2020, or other items that you need help with.

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 on several topics enclosed in this communication, so please reach out to us if you need to and we will be happy to connect with you.

Our Classified Staff: Our classified staff continues to provide support to our district and site teams, and community families, in our human resources department, maintenance, operations, custodial, facilities, transportation, administrative support, special education support, payroll, purchasing, fiscal, business, translation and family support services. We thank each of them for continued operations of our programs during this time. Please take a moment to thank them with a positive phone call, email, or a shout out on social media. They love to hear from you!

Friendly Reminder: Census 2020: Please take a moment to complete the Census 2020 so that our Greenfield children and families can be supported. Completing the Census 2020 will ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and public safety such as police fire departments, allow us to plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods, and determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives. All responses are CONFIDENTIAL and it only takes about 10 minutes to complete. There are 3 ways to self-report so please help our wonderful community of Greenfield be counted! We count, we rise! Please complete 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)

Health Guidelines: For up-to-date health guidelines and recommendations, please visit:

- Greenfield Union School District 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, thank you again for your cooperation, understanding and positive support during this difficult time. We will continue to communicate with you every Friday in the coming days and weeks. Please be safe and take care of yourself, your families and others who need your support. We thank you and hope to see you again very soon!

Sincerely,
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