



GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent's Message:

Welcome Back and Appreciation for our GUSD Staff Family

April 24, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I hope you were able to take some time during spring break to relax with your wonderful family and to stay safe at home to protect your health and the health of others. As we returned this week to distance learning, I want to thank our Greenfield community and GUSD family as you all continue to strive to support our children during this pandemic through love, education, connection, and support for each other.

During spring break classified employees continued to work and provide essential functions at our school sites. I want to recognize this core transportation and maintenance groups of our GUSD family who were tremendous at keeping our students fed and our campuses safe. Thank you!

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!

Distance Learning and Certificated Staff: Distance learning continues to be our education delivery system through the remainder of this school year. 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. Our principals, teachers, counselors, and support staff are ready to support you. Please know that our teachers miss your children deeply and can't wait to see them again in the future!

Returning Distance Learning Curriculum Packets: We will be sending out a communication soon 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 make a "good faith" attempt to complete every page and to work directly with your teachers for learning support. Thank you!

Established Routines: We encourage all of our families to establish routines for your children during this time that includes a balance of school learning, social emotional support, and any established recreational activities at home. Please encourage your children to wake up and go to sleep at an appropriate time so that they may be prepared to return to school in the future.

Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten Registration: We will be sending very important information to you for the registration of your 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. We will designate a full week in May to set up parent appointments for the completion of all registration forms either online or in person. Please call your school office for more information next week.

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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/>

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, including meals from the Monterey County Food Bank on those same days.

GUSD Parent Handbook is forthcoming: My community video message and letter prior to spring break included information regarding student registration and enrollment for 2020-21, social emotional support, health information, Census 2020, and much more. The letter also mentioned discussions taking place now regarding grades and graduation requirements, end-of-year activities and summer school. More information on these topics will be forthcoming.

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 1-8 have been given a device with very few still needing to come to pick up one. Grades preschool, TK, and Kindergarten will be given a device next week at your school site. Please look for the information coming to you via a parent communication. Also, if you need more information for WiFi access, please call our school offices. 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.

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.

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.

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

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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, I acknowledge how hard all of our GUSD family and community of families are working. We thank each one of you for your cooperation, understanding and professionalism 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 for letting us be a part of your lives during this time.

Sincerely,

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