

The Superintendent Sentinel | PARENT NEWSLETTER
June 2020



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Readington Families,

I hope this final note of the school year finds everyone safe and healthy and looking forward to some much needed rest and relaxation during the coming summer months.

As I sat to write this message, I was reminded of my Welcome Back letter where I asked you to talk to your child about goals for the coming school year. Well, here we are - in the most unusual circumstances. The 2019-2020 school year has certainly presented us with its fair share of challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic is a situation we could not have imagined when the school year opened back in September, and in my eyes, you and your children have handled great adversity with grace, flexibility, and grit. While facing this global health crisis was not on our minds as we began the year in September, and your initial goals may have shifted and changed, it is important to recognize the hard work that everyone put forth in being able to show up virtually for ourselves and each other in order to continue to learn and grow in this new normal. And for that I am grateful.

In the coming days, take some time to think about your child's accomplishments for the school year. Has this school closure and virtual learning experience allowed your child to show independence or resilience? Did your child accomplish something extraordinary over the course of the year, academically, socially, or emotionally?

I think about my two children and how they have changed since September. My older son, Luke, started preschool this year and has been participating in virtual meetings with his class. I never thought he would speak to anyone via computer at age three, but he did. Logan, my younger boy, has gone from being a baby to turning into a feisty, lovable toddler. It's amazing how fast they grow.

Leave this year knowing that, despite the school closure, your children still have much to be proud of. Like what I see in my boys, your children have grown, changed, developed, matured and will enter another school year with all of the lessons learned from this year.

I wish you well! Rest, relax, and enjoy your summer - even if it is a socially distant summer. Above all, stay safe during these trying times.

In Photo: Luke & Logan Hart



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Parent Survey

We are eager to collect feedback from staff, parents, and students to learn more about remote learning experiences. The following surveys are available for you to provide feedback to the district. Please complete one survey for each building where your child attends. If both of your children are in one school building, please take that survey once. Next week, students in grades 3-8 will also have an

opportunity to take the survey virtually. Your reflections and thoughts are needed as the district continues to learn and grow. **Please complete by end of the day on Friday, June 5, 2020.**

[Whitehouse School Parent Survey](#)

[Three Bridges School Parent Survey](#)

[Holland Brook School Parent Survey](#)

[Readington Middle School Parent Survey](#)



Curriculum Corner Summer Resources from the Curriculum Office



Summer is a great time to learn new things and have fun. Kids everywhere, and many parents and grandparents, are ready for all the summertime activities that allow families to enjoy the beautiful weather and outdoor festivities. Unfortunately, all of this free time can lead to the summer slide, a regression in academic proficiency due to a break in learning. The good news is that there are easy steps to take to avoid summer regression. Reading just a few books this summer, making time for smart play

that promotes the practice of math concepts, and insisting that children make time for a quick review of previously learned material can curb the summer slide. Here are a few activities to help keep your children engaged all summer long. The link below will provide you with an extensive list of activities to keep you children engaged this summer in Math, Science, Humanities, Social and Emotional Learning, and much more.

[Click on this link to access website listing by subject area](#)

Readington Students Receive Enthusiastic Reader Awards



We are proud to recognize the following Readington students who received the Enthusiastic Reader Award from the Hunterdon County Librarians Association. This very special honor is given to only one reader per grade in all of Hunterdon County. Characteristics of the award include: exhibits an enthusiasm for

reading; exhibits an enthusiasm for sharing books; uses books/reading materials for a variety of purposes; reads independently on a volunteer basis; uses school and/or public libraries; and, selects books/reading materials at appropriate interest levels.

Grade 1 – Kayla Pauli, Three Bridges School
Grade 2 – Vincent De Angelo, Whitehouse School

Grade 3 – Brooke Tomaino, Three Bridges School
Grade 7 – Mason Quintard, Readington Middle School



Kayla Pauli



Vincent DeAngelo



Brooke Tomaino



Mason Quintard

Congratulations and Good-Bye to our Readington Retirees



We are sad to announce the retirement of the following Readington Township School District staff members, as they will be deeply missed. We sincerely thank each of these outstanding educators for their many years of service to our students, school, and community.

Readington Middle School: Geraldine Fiori/School Social Worker; Brant Switzler/Social Studies Teacher, Wendy Baer/Speech-Language Specialist; Michele Castagna/Assistant Principal Secretary

Whitehouse School: Karen Kozal /Health-Physical Education Teacher

Three Bridges School: Vera Shashkewych/Kindergarten Teacher; Angela Lott/Kindergarten Instructional Aide

District: Karen Tucker /Supervisor of Pupil Services

“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.” – Mr. Rogers

Building Spotlight: Readington Middle School

Submitted by Principal, Mrs. Sharon Moffat



The teachers and students at Readington Middle School have been very busy during the school closing. The school is operating on a three-day rotation, so the students have access to different learning opportunities. Through Google Classroom, the students can receive live instruction, recorded instruction and individual assistance. I have even been a part of some live classroom meetings, and it has been great to see the students in action! Our guidance counselors have included SEL activities to help the students feel connected during this difficult time. Feeling connected is so important, so we have begun some new initiatives. Our staff members have volunteered to read the morning announcements each day. This can be found on the email the students receive each morning or on our website. The student council has also

been hosting virtual spirit days featuring themes such as “Wayback Wednesday”, “Disney/Star Wars”, “Earth Day”, etc. A special thank you to our student council members and advisors for creating these special days and for putting together the presentations. We truly miss our students each day, and I want to take this time to recognize our 8th graders. It is so disappointing that you cannot finish your 8th grade year in a “normal” way, but you have left behind an amazing legacy. We will still celebrate your graduation and mark your many amazing achievements. The Readington Middle School staff appreciates you, and we know you will do great things in high school and beyond. Thank you to all parents, who have been partnering with us through this new challenge in education.

Readington Middle School Class of 2020



Anthony Abbate
Samuel Adams-Fancera
Juliana Amorosi
Leslie Ansbach
Mia Aquino
José Ariaz-Cordero
Calan Armitage
Brian Armstrong
Caitlin Azevedo
Raymond Baez
Justin Bannon
Liam Batongbakal
Jake Beatrice
Mackenzie Bender
Evan Berlinger
Hannah Bezahler
Connor Biehl
Wy'ze Billingsley
Owen Blum
Shreya Bodanki
Sara Borella
Mateo Brito
Colby Brunton
Alexander Bukowski
Axel Caballero
Michael Cable
Arianna Cancela
Eli Carlsruh
Melanie Caro
Amelia Cassidy
Rachel Castela

Luis Cervantes
Miller Champion
Aidan Chendak
Elisa Chin
Divier Chirinos-Ortiz
Nina Cirianni
Sloane Coddington
Andrew Cohen
Alec Collado
Brandon Colucci
Lila Cook
Madison, Corbett
Ryan, Coury
Ben, Critelli
Nyasia, Cureton
Margaret, D'Alessandro
Daniel, Danubio
Anna, Davitt
Gabriel, DeCola
Julian, DeCola
Courtney, Deighan
Lily, Delmonte
Lucy DeSola
Oliver DeStefano
Joseph Duffy
Shaili Dutt
Sean Eustice
Temilolu Fashae
Kathryn Fazio
Andie Federico
Santiago Fernandez

Trent Fischer
Zachary Fisher
Justice Forsythe
Alexia Frank
Samuel Freed
Daniel Frenkel
Thomas Funke
Dylan Gale
Braden Galloway
Talia Gentles
Ashley Green
Owen Hall
Ryan Hample
Olivia Hardy
Maya Hernandez
Martael Hoffman
Eric Holmlund
James Horner
Colin Howell
Madalyn Hudson
Dylan Hughes
Matthew Hughes
Jared Jacobus
Trevor Jerzewski
Justin Jimenez
Kristen Johansson
Connor Johnson
Toni Kaese
Ben Keitel
Liese Keller
Megan Keller

Aven Kelly
Stella Kemecei
Delaney Klaus
Richard Knudson III
Sarah Kopacz
Lindsay Kopp
Katherine Kuczynski
Rosie Kurdyla
Wilda Lago
Daniel LaMarca
Presley Lavish
Andrew Leibowitz
Ryan Levison
John LoMonte
Julia Lopez-Carrete
Sara LoPiccolo
Eddie Lou
James Lynch
Jeremiah Markowitz
Charisa Marshall
Olivia Martin
Sophie Maurer
Joshua McDonald
Matthew McMillin
Dylan McPherson
Jack McPherson
Nilay Mehta
Tyler Merlini
Noah Metelitsa
Conor Mikaelian
Ava Milliern
Benjamin Moesch
Matthew Molinaro

Matthew Molineux
Connor Moran
Alec Nanda
Juan Navarrete
Ashley Nothnagel
Tyler O'Brien
Jack Ost
Carlos Pacheco
Nichole Pagano
Alina Patel
Estella Pecoraro
Alejandro Perez
Amanda Perez-Vargas
Christina Peters
Liam Petros
Lianna Phillips
Madison Phillips
Mary Pijanowski
Isabelle Pizzuto
Matthew Prager
Aidan Prior
Colin Prior
Lukas Raimo-D'Amico
Rooney Rasare
Juergen Rau
Caitlyn Redmond
Jasmine Relovsky
Alexa Revill
Emma Ribauda
Jack Ritter
Abigail Rivenbark
Cameron Rodger
Tyler Rodriguez

Andrew Ryder
Nicholas Schafrank
Duncan Schengrund
Daniel Schneider
Matthew Scotto
Michael Seabrook
Christopher Serrao
Edward Shinn VI
Thomas Shreiber
Paige Simon
Vancastle Siqueira
Marcos Smith
Samuel Souvenir
Kiera Spring
Brooklyn Stothoff
William Stothoff
Kayla Sutphen
Danica Svendsen
Luke Szymanski
Justin Teresak
Sofia Trivino
Madeline Turvey
Douglas Vail
Alessandra Wallace
Amelia Watson
Henry Weisshaupt
Jay Wieder
Logan Williamson
Sophia Willigan
James Woodworth
Maddie Yip
Isabella Zaragoza

Message and COVID-19 Parent Re-opening Survey from the Department of Education



Dear Parents, Thank you for your heroic efforts to support your children's schools and the learning process during closings due to the coronavirus pandemic. The New Jersey Department of Education (Department) continues preparations for the next stages of school opening, and hearing from parents is a Department priority. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at the following link: NJDOE parent survey<<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/V8HZ2MQ>>. **We appreciate receiving your responses by Monday, June 8.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Department's Office of Civic and Social Engagement at civicansocial@doe.nj.gov<mailto:civicansocial@doe.nj.gov>.

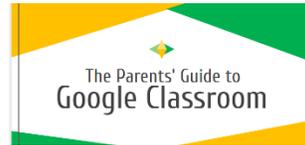
Message and COVID-19 Parent Survey from the Department of Education - SPANISH VERSION

Estimados Padres, Gracias por sus esfuerzos heroicos para apoyar las escuelas de sus hijos y el proceso de aprendizaje durante los cierres debido a la pandemia de coronavirus. El Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey (Departamento) continúa los preparativos para las próximas etapas de la apertura de la escuela, y escuchar a los padres es una prioridad del Departamento. Por favor, tómese unos minutos para completar la encuesta en el siguiente enlace: NJDOE encuesta para padres<<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/7VM29CM>>. **Agradecemos recibir sus respuestas antes del Lunes 8 de Junio.** Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Compromiso Cívico y Social del Departamento en civicansocial@doe.nj.gov<mailto:civicansocial@doe.nj.gov>.

Tech@Home

Readington Township School District has established the **Tech@Home** website for families to use for resources and assistance with Technology use for Virtual Learning. The website provides assistance

with Class DoJo, Clever, Genesis, Google Classroom, Google Meet, i-Ready via Clever, Zoom, other resources, cleaning your device, and technical support. Please [click here](#) to access.



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events:

- June 19 / Early Dismissal Day – Last Day of School - Pick-up/Drop-off Day
- June 22 / Teacher Close-Out Day - Student Pick-up/Drop-off Day

Upcoming BOE Meetings:

- June 9
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15



Attached is the district [calendar for the 2020-2021](#) school year*

“If you keep your eyes open enough, oh, the stuff you will learn! The most wonderful stuff!” – Dr. Seuss