

Bristol Borough School District

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Dear Bristol Borough School Community,

I planned to announce our graduation celebration plans in this weekly update. Unfortunately, I received notification yesterday from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding guidelines for graduation ceremonies. These were the guidelines provided:

- Schools located in counties or regions that are in the red phase may only hold virtual events for graduation and other traditional end of school year ceremonies. Large gatherings are prohibited and travel should be limited to life-sustaining purposes.
- Schools located in counties or regions in the yellow phase are limited to gatherings of no more than 25 people and must follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health guidance for social distancing.
- Schools located in counties or regions in the green phase may conduct unrestricted in-person activities as long as they follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines.

Needless to say we were very disappointed in the restrictions placed on the district as part of a region in red. As a result of the guidance, the board has decided to reconvene on Thursday, June 4th to make final decisions on graduation ceremonies. Our hope is that PDE will allow districts to provide some sort of hybrid ceremony for our students as long as we follow CDC and Health Department protocols and guidelines. We also hold out hope that our region will be in yellow by graduation, which would allow us some flexibility in planning a staggered graduation for students. I will continue to update the community as further clarity is released from the state. I apologize for any inconvenience the uncertainty is causing our senior families.

Below are additional updates for the week of May 18 – May 22:

- Next week is our celebration of seniors! District teams will be distributing lawn signs and goody bags to our senior's homes on Wednesday, weather permitting. The time window for delivery will be announced on Monday. In addition, personalized signs of each student will be posted outside of Snyder-Girotti Elementary. Please drive by and show your support for our seniors!
- The District is in the process of collecting student's personal items and textbooks from classrooms and lockers. A schedule will be in place next week for parents to retrieve student's personal belongings. We will post details on our website.

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- The 21st Century Program is conducting a survey to determine interest in virtual summer camp programs. Parents can follow this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/NtJ7m6x75t4HX4Rc8>
- The Family Service Association of Bucks County will be holding a virtual conversation with Patty Kent, M.Ed, LBS. The topic of the conversation will be Positive Parenting During the Pandemic. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:30 PM – 8:00PM. Individuals can register at: <https://facebook.com/events/s/positive-parenting-during-a-pa/235266701255237/?ti=ia> or visit www.facebook.com/FamilyServiceBucks to learn more. Giveaways of age-appropriate books and learning materials will be mailed to event participants (Quantities are limited). This free event is open to all families. We hope you'll join us! **Please feel free to share this with your friends and family members and encourage them to join, as well.**
- Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who have keep our students engaged in our continuity of education plan. Family involvement is the key to student's success, especially in the current environment. If the district can support you and your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher(s) or the administration. The offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. We also respond to email. Email addresses can be found on our website.
- There is a registration survey on our website for parents of 2020-2021 kindergarten students. This survey will help the District to assess our potential numbers for next year. In addition, parents can use the survey to request registration materials via email. Please [Click here](#) to fill out the survey.
- New elementary curriculum packets for May 11 – May 22, 2020, are now available.
 - You may pick up a packet between 9:30AM and 1:00PM. If you have internet access, you do not necessarily need to pick up a hard copy of the packet for your elementary students. The information covered in the packet is the same information available on the teachers' Google Classrooms and on our website.
 - If you need a packet of information for a middle or high school student, please call the school so we can make the proper arrangements.
- Chromebooks are only available through a scheduled appointment. Please call Snyder-Girotti Elementary School if your child needs a Chromebook.
- Need help with your technology? Please call the school and we will help you through any tech issues you may be facing.
- Breakfast/lunch meal distribution next week will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11:00AM and 1:00PM. All Bristol Borough children are welcome to participate.

We hope you have a great weekend. Stay safe!

Regards,

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