



Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools

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Greetings, Parsippany Families!

I hope this May Day letter finds your family healthy and safe. May 1st marks the (nearly) halfway point between the beginning of Spring and the beginning of Summer. Here in New Jersey, it also marks Day #28 of Distance Learning, and a halfway point between school closure on March 17 and the end of the school year. That's worth pausing to reflect on the amazing ways you have supported your children and juggled multiple challenges like never before. You are doing beautifully.

While we await further direction by May 15th from Governor Murphy, here are some items we can share at this point:

- ∂ Our next ½ Inservice Day will be Friday, May 8.
- ∂ Our district is now able to provide meals for *any student in need*, whether or not you have applied for the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Meals may be picked up at Parsippany Hills High School and Parsippany High School on *Monday (for two days of meals) and Wednesday (for three days of meals)* between 11:00 a.m. and noon. If your family is unable to pick up a meal at these locations, please speak with your school principal and we will make other arrangements for you.
- ∂ Our principals are generating alternate plans for Commencement, National Honor Society Induction, and other important celebrations in the event we are unable to gather in person. While you have likely seen "Teacher Parades" and similar activities on the news, these conflict with the Governor's directives about unnecessary travel and pose a safety and health risk. Any plans we create will adhere to safety guidelines and be well-communicated.
- ∂ For those of you who send your children to camp, the CDC is expected to release guidelines on May 8 for summer camps. We are planning for Extended School Year and ESL Camp **and** a Distance Learning version, depending on Governor Murphy's directive and the health situation as we head into June.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please take time to acknowledge the dedication and compassion of our Parsippany-Troy Hills faculty. It's also an important opportunity to consider the many teaching responsibilities you have taken on in recent weeks as your kitchen counters and coffee tables have become school furniture. Thank you!

With best wishes for your continued good health,


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