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March 16, 2020

Good Evening Garrison Families,

I hope all is well and all of you are safe and enjoying the company of loved ones. Thank you to those of you who coordinated with our Main Office today for any materials your child/ren needed. Your time, consideration, and flexibility were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Mrs. Mariani, Ms. Romano, and Mrs. Moser as they assisted all day in collecting materials, devices, and other items for all of our families.

As we all navigate this unusual time, we appreciate your continued flexibility and patience, especially as our teachers develop curricula while attending professional development simultaneously. Many of our staff are also balancing professional and personal obligations, which includes caring for their own children and their educational needs. So, we thank you for your collective support.

The E-Learning Plan will be reviewed and finalized tomorrow with staff. Please anticipate receiving the finished plan tomorrow afternoon.

Below are a few updates regarding events, committees, and picking up materials:

**Events/Committees ~ Thursday, 3/12-Friday, 3/20**

- Events to Be Rescheduled:
  - 8th Grade Annual Basketball Game
  - Spaghetti Dinner
  - Family Science Night
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Committee Meetings to Be Rescheduled:
  - Code of Conduct
  - Health, Safety, and Wellness

**Future Events to Be Cancelled:**

- PCMEA Elementary All-County ~ PCMEA has elected to cancel this performance. The organization is in the process of coordinating refunds to families. Mr. Connors is in contact with PCMEA and will communicate to all families as soon as he has additional information.
- MS Broadway Trip ~ This trip is cancelled this year.

**Picking Up Materials From School**

- Families may pick up materials from school, but only upon scheduled request.
- If your child needs materials or technology from the school, please do the following:
  - Materials ~ Call the Main Office at 845-424-3689 to schedule a time between 9 AM and 11 AM to pick up materials.
  - Technology ~ Email [datasupport@gufs.org](mailto:datasupport@gufs.org) and [alevine@gufs.org](mailto:alevine@gufs.org) by 9 AM to schedule a time between 9 AM and 11 AM to pick up a device. We will be unable to accommodate any requests submitted after 9 AM.
  - Materials will be brought to you at the Main Entrance.
  - For health and safety purposes, please practice 6 feet of distance if others are arriving/waiting.

Thank you to Dr. Jackson for her exceptional leadership and to our Board of Education for their continued consideration and understanding of these challenging times. It is a time like this that I am incredibly grateful to be part of this wonderfully caring and resilient Garrison family.

Beginning Wednesday, March 18th, the Main Office can be reached between 8 AM and 4 PM at the following phone number (845) 859-0102. We would be happy to help with any general school/district questions.

Thank you very much for understanding and we will continue to keep everyone updated.

Sincerely,

Alex  
Principal