# **GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID19** PARENT UPDATE #17 MAY 29, 2020

#### Dear Greece Central Community:

I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the summer-like weather over the last week. The school year officially ends on June 17 and with less than three weeks left, we all need to remain focused and ensure students are up-to-date on their assignments.

Please keep an eye out this week for your official absentee ballot. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, school districts across New York State must hold their annual school budget vote and Board of Education election via absentee ballot. It's important that you return your ballot by 5 p.m. on June 9.

With the final weeks of instruction and many year-end activities ahead, the month of June will be a busy one. Although the school year will be ending soon, we will continue to be here to support students and families over the summer. Our daily meals program will continue, as will some virtual summer programs.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher(s) or building administrators. Let's finish strong!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

PLEASE NOTE: Items outlined below are subject to change.

### **Families of Color Virtual** Meetings June 3 & 10

The Greece Central School District invites all Families of Color to participate in two upcoming Zoom meetings to gather feedback about the district's pandemic response. We want to know the challenges Families of Color have faced during the pandemic and what Greece schools can do to better support students and families in the future. The conversation will be facilitated by Director of Equity and Family &

Community Engagement Tasha Potter and parent representatives Rashana Green and Tianna Johnson.

Join the Zoom meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on June 3 or June 10 by clicking here. The Meeting ID is 965 0387 1253 and the Password: 988676. If you do not have internet access, you can join the conversation by calling 1-888-788-0099.

During the school year, Families of Color typically meet in-person each month to discuss topics of importance to our school community. The mission is to bring together a strong collective of parents and concerned family members, that are passionate about building a racially and economically just community for children in the Greece Central School District.

# Last Day of School Set

The last day of school for students has been changed to June 17. Students should continue with learning from home until then.

#### **District to Offer Virtual Summer** School for Grades 1-8, ESY

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced that schools across New York State could not host in-person summer school. Instead, Greece Central will offer a virtual summer school for students in grades 1-8. The program will operate Monday-Thursday from July 6 until August 13 and is open to all interested students districtwide. Participants will use i-Ready for online math and ELA learning. We will be encouraging a minimum of 45 minutes a week for ELA and an additional minimum of 45 minutes a week for math. School staff will consistently monitor student engagement and support students as needed. For more information and to register your child for this free enrichment program, please click here. Registrations should be submitted by June 10.

The district's Extended School Year (ESY) Program will also be held virtually this year. Eligible families should have received an email this week with information about the program. Plans for a virtual high school summer school program are also in the works. We will provide more information in a future update once plans are finalized.

## Food Distribution Sites Open Monday-Friday

The district's five food distribution sites serve meals from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Monday-Friday. Students get a hot lunch and a cold breakfast for the following day. The free meals are distributed at Autumn Lane Elementary, 2089 Maiden Lane; Lakeshore Elementary, 1200 Latta Road; Longridge Elementary, 190 Longridge Avenue; West Ridge School; 1010 English Road; and Odyssey Academy, 750 Maiden Lane.

# Tech Spot Open June 1, 3 and 5

Students in grades 1-12 who need a district Chromebook or support with their existing Chromebook can visit our drive-through "Tech Spot" in Odyssey Academy's rear parking lot from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, June 1, Wednesday, June 3 and Friday, June 5. Please be advised that the following week (June 8-12), Tech Spot will be moving to Tuesdays and Thursdays. The location and times will stay the same, just the days of the week will change.

## Please Help the GCSD Food Pantry

The Greece Central School District Food Pantry has relocated to Arcadia Middle School, 120 Island Cottage Road. Donations can be dropped off to Door 1 between 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday-Friday. Place your donations into one of the two marked donation bins inside. We are currently in need of:

- Pasta/Sauce
- Tuna Pancake Mix/Syrup • Rice
- Canned Veggies/Soup • Beans
  - Chef Boyardee

• Pull-Ups

- Individual Snacks • Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Diapers size 5 and 6

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