

March 29, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope everyone got to slow down on this quiet, drizzly Sunday. [Click here to read the letter that I sent to everyone this past Friday, March 27.](#) It helps explain the work we are planning to shift to beginning April 6.

Some important reminders for the week:

- [Click here to read a quick article](#) that summarizes the differences between homeschooling and “crisis schooling.”
- Talk to your children about some exciting things for this week! Click on the link here for the [Oak Hill Middle School Virtual Spirit Week!](#) It should be fun for everyone!



- Your children’s teachers will continue experimenting with using Google Meet and Zoom. Thanks for sitting down with your children to look through the activities they will receive in Schoology and help them organize themselves to join the meets.
- **SAVE THE DATE: I’d like to invite you to join a school-wide Zoom meeting this Friday, April 3 at 10am.** I will help elaborate more about the plans that will begin April 6 through May 4. I will share out the Zoom meeting link later this week.
- Exercising and trying to move for at least 60 minutes a day is essential for all children. [Check out Ms. Chmielinski’s exercise video](#) to help encourage students to keep moving!
- For this week specifically the teachers will continue with specific learning activities that will help engage your children. **To help manage the flow of communication**

**and not overwhelm students or parents**, you and your children will receive a letter from your team teachers (math, science, history/social studies and English) tomorrow, March 30 that will outline the activities that are closely connected to their content areas. Then, on Tuesday, March 31, the multi-team teachers will be sending their individual communications by subject. Students will have much more work to do and they will be able see these postings on Schoology. Our teachers will be checking their emails daily.

### Congratulations:

Congratulations to the Oak Hill Math Team!!! Here are the final standings for this year's Math League...**Oak Hill #1!!!! Several of our students finished in the top 25!**

Summary of Results 8th Grade Contests NEML

Top 33 Schools in League--8th Grade (58 Schools)

Rank	School	Town	Team Score
*1	Oak Hill Middle School	Newton, MA	155
*2	Pike School	Andover, MA	145
3	Trotter Middle School	Southborough, MA	140
4	Boston Latin School	Boston, MA	139
4	Timothy Edwards Mid. Sch	South Windsor, CT	139
6	King Philip Middle School	Norfolk, MA	132
7	Fenn School	Concord, MA	130
7	Ottonson Middle Sch	Arlington, MA	130
9	Oak Middle School	Shrewsbury, MA	128
9	Park School	Brookline, MA	128
11	Amity Middle School	Orange, CT	126
11	World Academy	Nashua, NH	126
13	McCarthy Middle School	Chelmsford, MA	125
14	Amity Middle School-Bethany	Bethany, CT	124
14	Wheeler School	Providence, RI	124
16	Foote School	New Haven, CT	120
17	Parker MS	Chelmsford, MA	118
18	Brunswick JHS	Brunswick, ME	116
18	Freeport Middle School	Freeport, ME	116
20	Falmouth Middle School	Falmouth, ME	115
20	Renbrook School	West Hartford, CT	115
22	Lexington Christian Academy	Lexington, MA	111
23	St. Bernadette School	Northborough, MA	110
24	Montrose School	Medfield, MA	109
25	John Winthrop Middle School	Deep River, CT	105
26	Mountain View Middle Sch	Goffstown, NH	101
27	Rye JHS	Rye, NH	97
28	Auburn Middle School	Auburn, ME	95
28	Dedham Middle School	Dedham, MA	95
28	Durham Community School	Durham, ME	95
28	Londonderry Middle School	Londonderry, NH	95
28	Maimonides Sch	Brookline, MA	95
28	Plouffe Academy	Brockton, MA	95

**Congratulations again to the entire team!**

Other reminders:

- NPS has created online resources for middle school called "[NPS Learning from Home](#)".
- Information about special education and student services during COVID-19 are available here: [Student Services / Department Overview](#)

- Guidance counselors will be available to connect families with community resources and offer social emotional support. They are also a resource for questions about connecting with teachers.
- Special Education Liaisons will continue to be in touch to ensure that students on their caseload have access to enrichment activities and to support students' social emotional needs through virtual connections.
- [Click here if you wish to know "Who do you ask?"](#)
- Our administration team will be available to respond to any of your parental inquiries. The best way to reach our team is through email:
  - John Harutunian, Principal - [harutunianj@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:harutunianj@newton.k12.ma.us)
  - Dr. Jamin Bercaw, Assistant Principal - [bercawj@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:bercawj@newton.k12.ma.us)
  - Ms. Amy Geer, Assistant Principal Student Services - [geera@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:geera@newton.k12.ma.us)
  - Ms. Fiona Healy, Assistant Principal - [healyf@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:healyf@newton.k12.ma.us)

If you have any questions or there are any ways I can help, please email me.

Sincerely,

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