



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY RESPONSE REQUESTED

May 26, 2020

Dear North East Family,

First and foremost, as we wrap up the 19-20 school year, on behalf of the Board of Directors, administrators, teachers, and staff, we wanted to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our families for all of your support over the past couple of months. Our school pride was stronger than ever as demonstrated by events such as: a parade at the Davis Primary School; through amazing videos submitted by our students and staff, which can be viewed under the district news tab on the district website; and, through several events to celebrate our seniors beginning with the staff cap and gown drop-off led by our buses, local fire and police departments, and the Sheriff's Office.

We also celebrated the Class of 2020, by providing them with the opportunity to walk across the set stage and receive their diploma cover from Dr. Renne; Board President, Nicholas Mobilia; Assistant Principal, Mr. Otis, and myself. They will also receive two 5 x 7 photos of their graduation moment. It was a beautiful celebration of our seniors along with their immediate family members which will be shown on the big screen at the Sunset drive-in on June 2nd. The drive-in event is by ticket only for the graduate and their parents/guardians/step-parents. A link to the public virtual ceremony will be available on our district website at nesd1.org on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.

Beginning on Wednesday, May 27th, we will have our library book, textbook, miscellaneous items, and Chromebook return for ALL students which will follow social distancing, CDC, and PA State guidelines.

- Wednesday, May 27th – Juniors/Sophomores – by scheduled time
- Thursday, May 28th – Freshman – by scheduled time. High school students contact Dr. Renne or Mr. Otis with questions.
- Friday, May 29th - Intermediate Elementary – fundraising and personal items pick-up will be via a drive-through pick-up by scheduled time. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Emick at NEIE.
- Monday, June 1st - Davis Primary – by scheduled time. Please contact Dr. Ritter if you have any questions. Please also remember to collect any lost and found items during this time.
- Monday, June 1st and Tuesday, June 2nd – NE Middle School locker cleanout by scheduled time. Please contact Mr. Beardsley or Dr. Karns with any questions on pick-up times for the middle school.



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The North East School District is requesting your participation in a **parent/guardian survey** to help understand student needs as we work towards a plan for our students return to school in the fall. We are still working under PA, CDC, and the Department of Health for COVID guidance. Our first priority is to keep our students, faculty, staff, and community safe and healthy. Please complete the survey no later than Friday, June 5, 2020. Please complete ONE per family, PARENT/ GUARDIAN ONLY by selecting the following link: <https://forms.gle/3nwDtL9j9csRdZDH8>.

We will continue to provide free meals through June 26, 2020, for all children under the age of eighteen. A new link has been posted on the district website under the COVID update tab. As we close out the 19-20 school year, please make sure to clear your school café balances prior to COVID (March 13th).

We also wanted to remind our families that our buildings and campus, including the playgrounds, remain closed until further notice. We are open to carry out essential operations of the district, meal pick-up, and end of the year scheduled locker clean-out. At this time we do not have any information regarding summer programs. We will provide guidance as soon as it becomes available.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment to thank the administrators, teachers, and staff for their outstanding work for continuing to educate and feed our children during this time. Although our buildings have been closed, our children are still attending school. A special thank you to our parents and guardians for being our partners in education and, for supporting our teachers, staff, and children.

Again, we wanted you to know that we are here for our families and we appreciate all of your support during this time. Please let us know if you need anything as we close out the 19-20 school year and continue to plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent



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- If you need help with the end of year locker clean out schedule, please contact building administration:
 - High School: Dr. William Renne, Principal – wrenne@nesd1.org
Mr. Nathan Otis, Assistant Principal – notis@nesd1.org
 - Middle School: Mr. Greg Beardsley, Principal – beardsle@nesd1.org
Dr. Steve Karns, Co-Principal – skarns@nesd1.org
 - Intermediate Elementary: Mr. Brian Emick, Principal – bemick@nesd1.org
 - Davis Primary: Dr. Jennifer Ritter, Principal – jritter@nesd1.org
 - Special Education: Mrs. Brianne Hodges – bhodges@nesd1.org
- If your child needs to speak with someone due to feeling stressed or feeling isolated at this time, please have them contact one of our school counselors:
 - High School
 - Mrs. Dawn Coletta – School Counselor - Erie County Technical School/Learning Support, (IEP/GIEP) – dawncoletta@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Laura Panek – School Counselor - Freshman & Juniors – lpunek@nesd1.org
 - Mr. Matt Puskar – School Counselor - Sophomores & Seniors – mpuskar@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
 - Middle School
 - Mrs. Nicole Welch – School Counselor – nwelch@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
 - Ms. Danielle Lesik – Mental Health Liaison – dlesik@nesd1.org
 - Elementary Center - Intermediate and Davis Elementary Schools
 - Ms. Kimberly Hart – School Counselor – khart@nesd1.org
- If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis or needs support, there are several resources available (*Not NESD resources*):
 - Safe Harbor WarmLine – 877-550-4007 open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7:30 p.m. for anyone who just needs someone to talk to someone.
 - Safe Harbor Crisis Center – Emergency Line - 814-456-2014