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Rockaway Borough School District Corona Virus Information Memorial Day Updates & Distribution of Student Items May 22, 2020

Dear Rockaway Borough Families,

First and foremost, we hope this finds all of our families safe and healthy. These are certainly challenging times for us all as we send you our warmest wishes of health and safety to our families.

Before we leave for the Memorial Day Weekend, I just wanted to share some information with you for the coming weeks:

- Since Monday May 25th is Memorial Day, there will be no Distance learning. Classes will resume on Tuesday 5/26.
- Also since school is not in session on Monday, there will be no meal distribution on that day as well. In lieu of Monday distribution, meals will be given out on Tuesday May 26th and then again on Wednesday May 27th.
- With a change to our last day of school which is now Monday June 15th, we have also changed some of the marking period dates for the 4th quarter as follows:
 - The last day of the 4th quarter is now June 9th.
 - To assist students in completing and submitting all necessary work for the quarter, teachers will not introduce any new material on June 5, 8 and 9 but rather utilize those days as make up days. Report cards will then be accessible through the parent portal on OnCourse on Monday June 15th.

On another note, the past two weeks while the buildings have been closed, our custodial staff as well as teachers and support staff have been in to clean out the hall lockers and the gym lockers at Thomas Jefferson as well as student desks in both buildings in order to bag up student belongings for distribution. With that said, we are planning to set up a distribution schedule during the week of June 1st –June 5th so you can pick up any of your child(ren)'s items left in the buildings when we closed in March. In addition, we are asking that you return any school issued items such as text books, library books and school issued calculators that you may have at home presently. The schedule will be based on grade levels targeting students in grades Preschool through 7th with Thomas Jefferson School as the point of distribution. We will be setting up an additional drop off and distribution schedule for 8th graders following the close of school so they can pick up their belongings, return school items in particular their Chromebooks as well as receive any additional items related to graduation. At this time,

we will only be collecting Chromebooks from our graduating 8th graders. Here are some essentials along with a simple schedule to assist you with the process:

- Distribution dates have been designated by grade levels to monitor the number of individuals on the campus at a particular time frame. Friday June 5th has been designated as a make-up day for families unable to come earlier in the week.
- Pick up for items for all district students (Lincoln & Thomas Jefferson) will take place in the front of Thomas Jefferson School under the front portico.
- When you come for pick-up, we ask that you drive around the circle and follow the directives of volunteers so that only one car/family is being attended to or helped at a time.
- All student items from lockers and desks will be bagged and labeled.
- Items will be set up on tables by homeroom with support staff and volunteers available to help you locate your child or children's items.
- If you have more than one child, we suggest you follow the schedule set forth for your youngest child and we will make sure you are able to pick up all family items during a single visit.
- At the same time, we ask that you bring back and return any school issued items such as library books, textbooks, class novels or readers, graphing calculators, etc. There will be a table set out that you can easily drop off items that you are returning.
- In addition, during these same days, the nurses from each building will be available at Thomas Jefferson to return student medications. Please know, however, that medications will only be given to parents and/or other designated adults. Eighth grade parents who need to pick up medications, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Savercool to make an appointment.
- When coming to the school on these days, we ask that you wear a mask and follow appropriate social distancing.
- If for some chance, you are unable to come in during this week, we ask you contact your building principal and/or the nurses who will assist you in setting up an alternate day or time.

	Grade level	Times	Grade level	Times
Monday 6/1	PreK/K	10am-12pm	1st	1pm-3pm
Tuesday 6/2	2nd	10am-12pm	3rd	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 6/3	4th	10am-12pm	5th	1pm-3pm
Thursday 6/4	6th	10am-12pm	7th	1pm-3pm
Friday 6/5	Make up day	10am-12pm	Make up day	1pm-3pm

As always, thank you so much for all your support and cooperation in working with us during this difficult time. Hopefully, within the next few weeks, we will be receiving additional guidance from the state about how we can actively plan for the coming school year.

Best wishes, stay safe and enjoy the long weekend.

Sincerely yours.



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