



CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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"Where Children Come First"

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Dear Families & Staff,

Across our country we are seeing the dilemma between keeping ourselves safe and the limits of isolation. Our goal is to keep our students, families and staff safe, while continuing their education. We are all working from home and educating our children. It is a balancing act, and can be a frustrating one. We will continue down this road throughout the summer and await information to make informed decisions for the fall. Even though at times our patience is wearing thin, it is the one thing we must work hardest to maintain, for everyone's health and safety.

As we enter the last month of school, we will be sending updates regarding all of the tasks that remain before us! Some items include, graduation, fourth marking period grades, locker clean out, desk clean out, textbook turn in and technology turn in. As we plan these items out, we will rely on the advice of our district physician and Health Prep committee. At this time, we have several options to consider. The CTMS page on the district website also has graduation information posted for parents, so please take a minute to visit.

Instruction continues, and includes a mixture of recorded lessons and interactive sessions. Please keep in mind that while our interactive sessions continue to expand, that not all students have access at a determined point in the day, as well as the use of shared devices. This necessitates recording lessons, for equitable access for all. As we continue to develop activities that are age-appropriate and interactive, we balance that need with the many moving parts and pieces of our educational plans, while ensuring that all students can participate in lessons in one format or another.

Are you looking for more? On our Health website ([here](#)) we have listed 25 STEAM activities that can easily be done at home with things you have around the house. In addition, there are several "read alouds" for our younger students that our Teaching Assistants have prepared. Please look at the Tips & Resources page for activities that you may use at any time with your children. Additional items will be posted throughout the next month. The site itself will also remain active over the summer.

We have received some specific information regarding the extension of the Executive Order as well as an Academic Order, that clarifies that there are to be no meetings of large groups of people at our schools. We will post these on our Health and district sites, so that you may read them. We appreciate your cooperation with following these guidelines.

Many of our teachers returned to school this week, in 30 minute pre-assigned slots. There were no more than six teachers in the building at one time. This allowed them to pick up additional instructional materials. We look forward to organizing limited access to our buildings for our district staff, but no students will be allowed in the buildings at this time. Our goal is to have the children's belongings packed up and ready for pick up in the beginning of June.

We hope you are all well and safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Cone

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