

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Yesterday, Governor Murphy announced that all public schools will remain closed through at least Friday, May 15. The continued closure is expected to help “flatten the curve” and slow the transmission of the Coronavirus. We understand that this news was difficult to receive as our students, families, teachers, staff and administrators miss seeing, interacting, and working with each other. We understand the limitations of virtual learning and applaud our teachers, students, administrators, and parents for their flexibility, innovation, patience and for doing their best during this unprecedented global pandemic. As soon as more information about school openings or closures come available, we will be sure to communicate this to our community.

I have received questions regarding certain school events and whether they will be rescheduled. We recognize that spring is a particularly busy time with many school events on the calendar. We are discussing alternative plans for missed events, like prom and potentially graduation, as well as holding other events virtually if we are unable to hold in-person ceremonies. Please be assured that we do recognize that many students are missing out on experiences ranging from academics to athletics to the arts. We will do our best to make the end of the 2019-2020 school year as memorable as we can and celebrate our students' accomplishments.

- **Spotlight on Schools:**

Central School has had two weeks of Spirit Days since we have been doing distance learning. They have also encouraged students to draw rainbows and post them in their windows. Also, students have been making cards for senior citizens and patients at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of NY Presbyterian.

Thank you to Central School for putting together this [video](#) for their students!

GR High School ALLIANCE will celebrate Ally Week next week, and culminating in Day of Silence on Friday, April 24.

- **Donations:**

Exercising for a Cause // Due to the Coronavirus, health professionals have been working around the clock to keep everyone safe and healthy. They have been urging everyone to not only stay inside but also exercise regularly. If you would like to help, please follow GRHS student Robert King's Instagram account [@RJK_FITNESS](#) and upload your workout videos. With every workout video uploaded, \$0.25 will

automatically be donated, and every 100 followers on this Instagram account will result in \$10 donated – up to a total of \$750.

Protective Gear // Kevin a GRHS student has developed a strong knowledge and love of 3D printing as a result of the curriculum and teachers here in Glen Rock. He was surprised with a 3D printer from his family. During this crisis, there has been a lack of protective gear for those working as first responders. Kevin decided to look for ways to help using his 3D printing skills. So, he began to print headbands for the visor that first responders need desperately. He has been printing them for the past few weeks and sending them to people who can provide the shield and get them to those who need the protection.

- **Honoring GR Athletes:** Please send photos of your athletes with a blurb to celebrate your athlete during this time that they cannot practice or participate in the sports they enjoy so much. Send photos to press@glenrocknj.org. We will try to post as many as possible on district social media.

- **Yearbook:** GR Middle School is looking for pictures of students participating in virtual learning, from the desk in their room, at the kitchen table, or wherever they are getting their school work done each day. Please send your best picture or two over to Mr. Fernandez at fernandezs@glenrocknj.org.

All of our administration, faculty and staff members continue to be available to you if you need any assistance throughout the rest of this school year. Please don't hesitate to reach out. I hope you and your families are doing well during this time and are continuing to social distance and stay healthy. We got this!

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,



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