

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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On behalf of the Glen Rock Board of Education, we extend our appreciation to all students, families, teachers, staff and administrators for their support, collaboration and patience during this unprecedented national health crisis.

Please be advised that the district will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10.

• We understand that during spring break, students would like to see friends and play outside; however, it is important to adhere to the restrictions. ALL SCHOOL fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, and high school track are closed and not available to anyone. Simply stated, all school grounds are closed! This is for the safety of our students and families.

Please continue to adhere to Social Distancing guidelines as it is critical to helping us “flatten the curve.”

[The CDC offers tips on dealing with this stress](#)
[Additional resources](#)

• COVID Resources:

Call: 2-1-1
Call: (24/7): 1-800-962-1253
Text: NJCOVID to 898-211
Visit: <https://covid19.nj.gov/> or nj.gov/health for additional information
Valley Hospital: 201-447-8000 If you feel you have symptoms, Valley Hospital has set up a system to answer your questions.

• Spring Break: Virtual Tours & Stay-at-Home Fun

Virtual Tours // Although spring break plans have been canceled, various museums, amusement parks, zoos and educational institutions are providing virtual tours.

[San Diego Zoo](#) - Live cam options, lets you switch between koalas, polar bears, and tigers in one sitting.

[SeaWorld Orlando](#) - The virtual tour includes a tour of Discovery Cove and the option to "ride" the steel roller coaster Mako.

NASA - Both [Virginia's Langley Research Center](#) and Ohio's [Glenn Research Center](#) offer online tours for free. Also, you can try some "augmented reality experiences" via [The Space Center Houston's app](#).

[Full List 1](#) and [Full List 2](#)

Enriching Stay-at-Home Family Activities from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction//

Ideas for fun, easy and inexpensive activities which families can do together at home. Many of these activities provide time for students and their families to get off-line and engage in some good old-fashioned fun!

[Stay-At-Home Boredom Busters](#) - Over 100 easy and fun things to do at home when boredom strikes!

[21 Creative Stay-At-Home Activities for Kids and Family](#) - Fun family arts and crafts ideas and activities.

[35 Activities for Kids at Home \(When You're Out of Ideas\)](#) - Cheap and easy indoor activities for kids and families.

[18 Fun Games to Play at Home](#) - A collection of at home games for every age.

[Bedtime Math](#) - They have several hands-on, off-screen activities as well as some nightly math questions.

[Storytime from Space](#) - A small collection of videos of real astronauts reading picture books from space!

[Storyline Online](#) - A collection of videos of famous actors reading well-known picture books.

[Amazon Future Engineers](#) - Students will have fun coding while programming their own virtual robots.

[PBS Design Squad](#) - Choose what you like to do, click on the supplies you have, and the design spinner gives you project ideas to make!

Photos // Send photos of enriching activities you did with your children over spring break to press@glenrocknj.org. Photos will be considered and posted after spring break.

- **College Search:** Many high school juniors may have been planning to visit colleges and universities over spring break. Students can [view admissions events online](#). This is also a good time to reach out to admissions representatives with questions. Check each school's website for additional resources.

- **Spotlights**

Hamilton School Helping Hands// Various Projects

Fifth graders are continuing with their community service projects. They will decorate tote bags with colorful and inspirational messages, fill them with food, and donate them to Meals on Wheels to give to local seniors who can't get out of their homes due to the virus.

Everyone is making pictures, cards, and writing letters for seniors who are isolated in their homes. Hamilton will create a slideshow and email it to the nursing homes for them to show to everyone.

30-day Gratitude Wall Challenge - Hamilton School is challenging everyone to write something they're grateful for, for 30 days in a row.

Video to Share// Central School, Dear Central Students... <https://youtu.be/T1-8OCWV-XA>

Virtual Reading Night// Thanks to Ms. Locascio, the HSA, Mr. Thompson, Mayor Morieko and Yuliya for organizing a special night of reading for Coleman School.

Virtual Field Trip // Ms. Yancy's English 9 classes at Glen Rock High School conducted a lesson involving "Interlopers", a short story. As part of a self-paced Nearpod lesson, Ms. Yancy pushed out access to a virtual field trip to the Carpathian Mountains, the location of the story. Students were able to immerse themselves in the setting, giving them a frame of reference for the read. Ms. Yancy also included all students' voices using a collaborative board for quotes about foreshadowing in the story.

Please continue to support local businesses and show support for health care workers in our community, as we are in this together. Have a safe and healthy spring break. We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,



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