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Today is National Principal Appreciation Day! To all of our Glen Rock Principals we thank you for all that you do for our students, staff and parents... for making a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families and our community... for your leadership during this health crisis and thank you for your leadership during "normal times." On behalf of the Glen Rock students, staff, parents, Board of Education and community, we hope that you have a great day.

- **Special Days in May:** Even though we can't celebrate together, we can still show our appreciation: National Principal Appreciation Day, May 1 // National Teacher's Day, May 5 // National School Nurse Day, May 13 and lest we forget National Administrative Professional Day this past April 22.

Please, send your messages, make a video, tweet something, send an email, but please let your teachers, and everyone in the district working for our community, know that we appreciate their efforts.

- **Donations:** On April 29, **Byrd School HSA** donated meals to [The Center of Hope and Safety](#). The Byrd School HSA donated \$2,200 to Johns Boy to prepare the meals. The Center for Hope and Safety picked up their delicious pasta, salads and other various items.

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month:** There are various resources on the [District's Communications page](#) related to Mental Health during this pandemic.

- **Musical Inspiration:**

This [musical piece](#), *Hold On*, was written by GR Middle School teacher, Mr. Ficocelli.

This Week and Next Honoring GR Musicians: Please send photos of your musicians in grades K -12 to celebrate them during this time that they cannot participate in music at school. Send to press@glenrocknj.org. We will post as many as possible to district social media.

- **Virtual Zoos and Aquariums:** Looking for something to do this weekend? Take a [virtual tour](#) of zoos and aquariums.

- **GRCS Preschool:** Glen Rock Community School Preschool has spaces available in the 2 and 3 year old classes. Email grcs@glenrocknj.org for more information or visit grcsonline.com.

● **After School Virtual Art Enrichment Class:** Grades K - 5, How to draw and create animals, tessellations and more – a new lesson each class! Session 1: Tues/Thurs May 5 and 7 and/or Session 2: Tues/Thurs May 12 and 14. Register at communitypass.com/glenrock. Questions? grcs@glenrocknj.org.

● **An additional College Presentation for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors:** If you missed the presentation last week, Stand Out For College, LLC, Ron Feuchs will be presenting again on how to navigate the college admissions process in the face of the Coronavirus situation. [Zoom Meeting Link](#): **May 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM** Meeting ID: 867 6833 8201 Password: 740456

● **Ms. Kostka, Byrd Elementary 3rd grade teacher, shared this on Twitter today.** It resonated with me and my family and I thought it would be good to share.

Shout out to the KIDS.

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All these rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

As previously stated, today is May 1st and as with the beginning of May every year, we eagerly anticipated April showers that will bring May's flowers. I hope that this May and June will bring some semblance of normalcy to students, teachers, and parents though time will tell how we define our new normalcy.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to everyone struggling with the impact of this pandemic, especially those local families, and families everywhere, that have lost someone to this disease or are struggling financially and economically. Please understand that Glen Rock Schools are here to provide support and help as needed. Please reach out to our counselors and principals that are here to provide help in any way that we can.

The feedback on Virtual Instruction that we have been receiving has been, overwhelmingly, positive, but we know it is not perfect and that there is still more we can do. There has been and will continue to be more face-to-face contact, more instructional resources, continued assessment and feedback. The contributions from our teachers and administrators have been remarkable as we continue to provide support to our teachers and students each and every day. Our teachers and support staff are working constantly and in new ways to make distance learning engaging and meaningful. We got this Glen Rock!

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,



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