



Griswold Public Schools

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July 1st, 2020

Dear GPS:

Here are the weekly updates.



OUR SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE DIFFERENT THAN THE OFFICE HOURS WE HAVE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, WE ASK THAT ANY VISITORS TO OUR BUILDINGS CALL AHEAD OF TIME. PLEASE KNOW THAT ALL VISITORS WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A FORM UPON ARRIVAL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

TO VIEW THE SUMMER OFFICE HOURS,
[CLICK HERE.](#)

GRAB & GO MEAL DISTRIBUTION



Grab & Go Meals will be offered on Monday, Wednesday & Friday only from 9:00 am - 12 noon at GMS. This service will continue throughout the summer.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO GRAB & GO ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD, 2020



July 6th,
9am-12pm
Griswold
Middle
School

Coinciding
with the
Grab-and-Go
Meal Services
program
with Griswold
Public Schools

*These kits contain family
safety and wellness
resources to have a safe
and fun summer. Rx safe
storage and disposal
bags, alcohol bottle seals,
activity packet, ear buds
from JCSB, and more.*

Contactless pick-up table.
Questions: call or text PRIDE
Coordinator 860.841.3803



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UPDATE FROM GRISWOLD PRIDE SAFE HOME KIT HANDOUT FOR JULY 6TH



WE HAVE REVISED OUR
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR. TO REVIEW THE
CHANGES, [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)



AN UPDATE FROM THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Beginning July 1st, the State Immunization Program will be providing the influenza vaccine to all children at no cost, regardless of insurance status through age 18. Influenza vaccine is expected to begin arriving during August, and the Immunization Program is encouraging healthcare providers to begin vaccinating as soon as possible.

This fall, more than ever, it is imperative that students receive an influenza vaccine. Infectious disease experts have warned of influenza and COVID-19 circulating simultaneously this upcoming winter, which raises concern that healthcare resources could once again be overwhelmed. The influenza vaccine is one of the greatest tools we have to minimize the impact of this double threat.



**UCFS GRISWOLD WILL BE
OFFERING FREE COVID-19
TESTING. PLEASE CALL UCFS
GRISWOLD FOR MORE DETAILS
AT 860-376-7040**



FREE LIVE ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES

Get started finding Peace at Home

STEP 1: Choose which is best for you

- **Interactive Live Online Classes** Get answers to your questions on the spot
- **Recorded Classes** On-demand recorded versions of our live, interactive courses
- **Flash Classes** 15 minutes or less

STEP 2: Visit our class list page at [peaceathomeparenting.com/get-started](https://www.peaceathomeparenting.com/get-started) and review the list of upcoming classes under the type of class that best fits your schedule

STEP 3: Click on the **Register or Buy Now** button and complete registration questions

STEP 4: Enter **PEACE2020** discount code in place of payment

That's it! You will receive an e-mail confirmation with instructions for your next steps or a link to the class you chose. LIVE CLASSES will send reminders leading up to date of the class.

Learn more at
[PeaceAtHomeParenting.com](https://www.PeaceAtHomeParenting.com)

With each class you will receive:

- Parent handouts you can download and print
- Access to our private, monitored Facebook group where you can get answers and feedback from other caring parents like yourself and Peace at Home experts
- Access to Free monthly online Q&A sessions to follow up on your new approaches

And if you sign up for a live, online class and miss it – we will send you access to a recording of that class in just a day or two.

Sponsored by
Idols Program
at Griswold
Elementary School

PEACE AT HOME RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ALL GRISWOLD FAMILIES

The Peace at Home mission is to connect parents with inspiring experts, so that parents can easily gain the skills and support they need to build positive, peaceful and playful families.

Sign up through a smartphone, tablet or computer. Select the parenting class in the format that works for you. There are interactive, live online classes so you can ask the teacher questions on the spot. Live classes meet at a certain time on a certain day, and you receive emails to remind you to join. Or you can watch or just listen to an on-demand recorded class any time, right when you need some help.

On the run? Listen to a "Flash Class" that is 15 minutes or less. Full-length recorded classes are more in-depth and last 30–45 minutes.

Sign in information:

<https://www.peaceathomeparenting.com/idols-program/>

Subscription Code is PEACE2020



Visit Us:
Griswold
Youth Center
68 Ashland St.
Jewett City
griswoldREC.org
facebook.com/griswoldrec
#loveOURresidents

SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCES



UCFS Healthcare
Well-Being Redefined.

DIAL 860.376.7040 or UCFS.ORG
medical services - women's
health dental health - behavioral
health school-based health
centers - eldercare pharmacy
- billing - insurance - mental
health - substance use - case
management



Get Connected. Get Help.™

DIAL 211 or 211CT.ORG
food - mental health
- youth healthcare
- housing - income
- substance use -
transportation -
utility assistance
- crisis - older &
elderly assistance
- legal help - re-entry



DIAL 860.425.6611 or TVCCA.ORG
Senior Meal on Wheels - family case
management services - childcare
preschool - employment - training -
energy assistance - financial education
- housing - section 8 rental assistance
- senior nutrition program - meals on
wheels - senior volunteer services -
rental or shelter help - SNAPs

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

CT DDS thru TVCCA: ct.gov/staywarm :
860.425.6681, 860.889.1365 or 211
Project Warm-Up - CART or United Way: 860.464.6012
Salvation Army: 860.889.2329
Clergy Fuel Bank: 860.823.3753

PARENT INFO

Health Insurance: accesshealthct.com or 7.855.805.4325
Eyeglasses for Children - Lisbon Lion Club on Facebook
Local Addiction Support Group - Matt's Mission: 860.917.6348
Drug Free Community Info/Resources: griswoldpride.org
Addictive Behavior Smart Recovery - Voluntown YSB: 860.376.2226
Car Seat Check: American Ambulance or L&M Hospital
Safe-Kids CT: ctsafekids.org
American Job Center: 860.848.5200
TVCCA Family Management: 860.889.1365

ELDERLY TRANSPORT, DISABILITY +
ENERGY ASSISTANCE (TVCCA Walk-In Location)
Griswold Senior Center - 860.376.2604

WATERFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL
Outpatient Clinic for Children
Ages 3 to 18 - trauma - mental health -
behavioral issues
860.886.7500 x310

FOOD ASSISTANCE
St. Mary's Food Pantry: 860.376.2044
(2nd/4th Tuesday of the Month 10-11 am & 3-4 pm)
Gemma Moran Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Mary's (3rd Wednesday of the Month)
Feed the Need w/ Lighthouse Church at GYC (2nd/4th Tuesday 11-1 pm)

SAFE FUTURES
Services for
Victims of
Domestic Violence:
safefuturesct.org
or 860.447.0366

GRISWOLD YOUTH CENTER: 860.376.7026
Afterschool in the School (in GES/GMS)
Afterschool Drop In Center (Age: 10& Up)
Holiday Helpers Christmas Gifts
Seasonal School Supplies
Retention Diversion Tutoring
Juvenile Review Board
Families With Service Needs Board
Town Events & Outreach
Youth Development
Read to Grow! Free Books for Kids
Wellness / Exercise for All Ages

VETERANS SERVICES Griswold
Town Clerk: 860.376.7060 x2
American Legion : 860.436.9986
or ctlegion.org
Workforce Development:
860.848.5257

CHILD CARE
Little Log School House - 860.376.4975
TVCCA Head Start - 860.889.1365
Care 4 Kids - 800.505.1000
GES Before/Aftercare: Carelol.net
Birth to Three: 800.505.1000

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SOCIAL SERVICES

CONTACTS



Griswold Elementary School

**IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING PRESCHOOL
AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.**

GES has moved their registration packet online. To access the packet, [please click here](#).

You can download and complete each form electronically. Then email them back to: jcaviness@griswoldpublicschools.org.

Any additional documents (birth certificate, proofs of residency, drivers license, physical) may also be sent here by scanning or taking a photo.

We understand that getting your child's physical during this time may not be possible. We will still process the registration, but we will need the physical to be done before school starts in August. Please be sure to include your child's name in the subject line of each email sent. This will ensure we can easily keep everyone's packet together.

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during this time.

School Contact Information

Please contact our schools ahead of time, if you need to visit our main offices. While our offices are open, we are limiting visitors to our buildings in interest of public health.

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Griswold High School

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We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sean P. McKenna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools**