



# Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

**THANK YOU,  
STA-GRISWOLD, FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**



**TO LEARN ABOUT GOVERNOR  
LAMONT'S SUMMER READING  
CHALLENGE AND SUMMER  
MATH CHALLENGE, PLEASE  
[CLICK HERE](#). THERE ARE LINKS  
IN THE DOCUMENT ABOUT  
EACH CHALLENGE; FOLLOW  
THE LINKS!**

# memo

**CHIRIS CHAMPLIN, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, RELEASED A DISTRICT MEMO TODAY REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRESS REPORTS**

**TO REVIEW THE MEMO, [CLICK HERE](#).**



**GRAB & GO MEALS WILL BE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER ON**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday only.**

There will be no Grab & Go on Tuesday or Thursday.

Grab & GO will start at 9:00 am and end at 12:00 noon.

*representing*

*Bozrah • Franklin • Griswold • Ledyard  
Lisbon • Montville • Norwich • Preston  
Salem • Sprague • Voluntown*



**THE GREATER NORWICH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GNACC) REPRESENTS GRISWOLD AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES.**

**THE GNACC HAS A JOB BANK SERVICE THAT IS FREE WHERE EMPLOYERS POST JOBS AND WHERE JOB SEEKERS, INCLUDING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**

**TO LEARN MORE, [CLICK HERE](#).**



**WE HAVE CREATED A PAGE  
WHERE WE HAVE SAVED ALL OF  
OUR END-OF-THE-YEAR  
AWARDS PROGRAMS.  
TO ACCESS THAT PAGE,  
[CLICK HERE.](#)**

## **SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS FROM MYSTIC AQUARIUM**

**TO LEARN MORE**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

Summer Day Programs - Weekly Sessions  
Kids Entering Grades 1 - 6 & Family Camps

Young explorers, animal and nature lovers, and budding marine biologists are welcome!

**So Much to Sea & Do**

**MYSTIC AQUARIUM**  
RESEARCH  
PROTECT OUR OCEANS & Our Community

With weekly session beginning June 29, Mystic Aquarium's camps offer hands-on activities, up-close animal encounters and other fun and educational experiences!

[Learn](#) more about health and safety protocols

Featuring Aquarium Fun, Junior Aquarium Careers, Animal Antics and Endangered Species camps, these immersive experiences SPARK CURIOSITY in campers by providing hands-on habitats and ecosystems EXPLORATION and eye-to-eye engagement with INCREDIBLE ANIMALS!

Register [online](#)

Camps are accredited by both the State of Connecticut & the American Camp Association.

HOW DO WE RETRIEVE PERSONAL ITEMS NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED? HOW DO WE RETURN BOOKS, UNIFORMS, AND OTHER SCHOOL-OWNED ITEMS?

We have finalized our plan and dates. To learn more, please click [here](#). It is important to note that you will receive more specific information from the individual schools.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



Attention all GPS in students grades K-5, please consider participating in this poster contest. To learn more about this opportunity, please [click here](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**Our buildings are closed to the public, and we are not honoring any facilities requests at this time.**

**While our grounds are open to the public for walks and jogs, groups are prohibited from gathering on campus at any time, for any reason, due to the State of Connecticut Executive Orders. In short, there should be no informal gatherings of groups of individuals (large or small) for gatherings and games. Thank you for your cooperation.**



## 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



**THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING ON-LINE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES DURING THIS SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD.**



Connecticut's Official  
State Website

**[Please click here](#) to learn about these opportunities. Once you arrive on the page, you will have to scroll down to explore the different offerings.**

## Social Services in Griswold

# SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCES

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**  
VISIT US AT: THE GRISWOLD YOUTH CENTER (GYC)  
68 ASHLAND STREET, JEWETT CITY - OFFICE HOURS M-F 2-5 PM

**griswoldREC.org**  
#loveOURresidents

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

**DIAL 860.425.6611 or tvcca.org**  
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 - VIC

**DIAL 2-1-1 or 211.ct.org**  
food - mental health - youth  
health care - housing - income  
substance use - transportation  
utility assistance - crisis  
older & elderly assistance  
legal assistance - re-entry

**CHILD CARE**  
Little Log School House - (860) 376-4975  
TVCCA Head Start - (860) 889.1365  
Nurturing Kids Childcare Center - (860) 376-1377  
Care 4 Kids - 1-888-214-5437  
Birth to Three - 1-800-505-1000  
GES Before/Aftercare: Carelot: 860-367-2313 or carelot.net  
Griswold Youth Center Afterschool Club - 860.376.7026

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

**CT DEPT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
SNAP - Medical - HUSKY - Family Planning  
Cash Assistance - Medicare Savings  
Apply for Benefits : <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS>

**PARENT INFO**  
Health Insurance : [accesshealthct.com](http://accesshealthct.com) or 1-855-805-4325  
Eyeglasses for Children - Lisbon Lions Club on Facebook  
Local Addiction Support Group - Matt's Mission : 860.917.6348  
Addictive Behavior Smart Recovery - Voluntown YSB - 860.376.2226  
Christmas Help or School Supplies @ GYC - 860.376.7026  
Read to Grow! Free Books @ GYC - 860.376.7026  
Community Services or Internships @ GYC - 860.376.7026  
GES Retention Referred Tutoring @ GYC - 860.376.7026  
Car Seat Checks: American Ambulance in Norwich or L&M Hospital  
Safe-Kids CT: [ctsafekids.org](http://ctsafekids.org)

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE:**  
Griswold Senior Center  
(Intake for TVCCA) : 860.376.2604

**HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE**  
CT DDS through TVCCA -  
860.425.6681 or 860.889.1365 or 211 or [ct.gov/staywarm](http://ct.gov/staywarm)  
Soldiers, Sailors & Marines Relief Fund - 860.886.8557  
Project Warm-Up - CART or United Way - 860.464.6012  
Salvation Army - 860.889.2329  
Clergy Fuel Bank - 860.823.3753

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

**ALL OTHER RESOURCES NOT RELATED  
TO YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES CALL: TINA FALCK  
@ GRISWOLD SENIOR CENTER - 860.376.2604**



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](mailto: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**

Although our schools are currently closed to the public during this school closure period, we are very much available and willing to assist you. Know that our School Nurses are also here to help. Here are the points of contact:

Griswold Elementary School  
Phone: 860-376-7610  
Joe Bordeau, Principal:  
[jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org)  
Jackie Love, Assistant Principal:  
[jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org)  
Tonia Soper, School Nurse  
[tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org)

Griswold Middle School  
Phone: 860-376-7630  
Glenn LaBossiere, Principal:  
[glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org)  
Louis Zubek, Assistant Principal:  
[lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org)  
Renee Normandie, School Nurse  
[rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org)

	<b>Griswold High School</b> <b>Phone 860-376-7640</b> <b>Erin Palonen, Principal</b> <a href="mailto:epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org">epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org</a> <b>Marceline Macrino, Assistant Principal</b> <a href="mailto:mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org">mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org</a> <b>Denise Tedeschi, School Nurse</b> <a href="mailto:dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org">dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>
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We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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