



## Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

	<p>Griswold Public Schools will be closed to the public for the GMS Promotion Ceremony on 6/16 and for the GHS Graduation Ceremony on 6/18. To learn more, <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
<p>HOW DO WE RETRIEVE PERSONAL ITEMS NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED? HOW DO WE RETURN BOOKS, UNIFORMS, AND OTHER SCHOOL-OWNED ITEMS?</p> <p><b>FINAL WEEK!</b></p>	<p>We have finalized our plan and dates. To learn more, please click <a href="#">here</a>. It is important to note that you will receive more specific information from the individual schools.</p> <p>PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!</p>



**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!**



**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.



**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.



Help Thank Our  
Essential Workers on Wheels!  
Connecticut's Public Transit Workforce

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.**



**[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



**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

**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: Carelot.net  
Birth to Three: 800.505.1000

**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)



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, reading "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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