



# Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz has proposed a COVID-10 Computing Challenge--to read more about the challenge, [please follow this link](#) or visit our School Closure Information & COVID-19 Resource Page Communications section [by clicking here](#).



Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz's COVID-19 Computing Challenge



We are in the midst of the budget season, although all municipal meetings are online. The Board of Finance is asking for your input. You can send any comments and/or questions to the following email address [Budget2021@griswold-ct.org](mailto:Budget2021@griswold-ct.org).

All questions and comments should have your name & address (as you would provide at a public hearing) and your questions / comments will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for review and will be posted on the Town's website. A new draft of the budget will be posted as changes are made.

The Griswold BOE budget materials are online. [Please click here.](#)

## HOW DO WE RETRIEVE PERSONAL ITEMS NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED?

Please know that we are still working on a practical, safe plan. Our administrative team is in the process of finalizing a draft plan, and once we review this plan to make sure it observes the expectations of public health, we will contact parents and students. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.





### 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**

<p><b>THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES</b></p>	<p><b>WE CONTINUE TO ENTERTAIN REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES--GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS. WHILE THESE REQUESTS ARE WELL-INTENDED, WE ARE NOT HONORING THE REQUESTS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. TO LEARN MORE, <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>GRAB &amp; GO MEAL DISTRIBUTION</b></p>	<p>Grab &amp; Go Meals will be offered on <b>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday only.</b> There will be no Grab &amp; Go on Tuesday or Thursday. Grab &amp; Go runs from 10 am - 2 pm at GMS.</p>
<p><b>THE P-EBT CARD FOR STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH</b></p>	<p>Students who are listed with our school district as being eligible for free and reduced lunch will receive, in the near future, a P-EBT card to access Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits. To learn more about this initiative, <a href="#">please click here</a>.</p>
<p><b>THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING ON-LINE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES DURING THIS SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD.</b></p> 	<p><a href="#">Please click here</a> to learn about these opportunities. Once you arrive on the page, you will have to scroll down to explore the different offerings.</p>




## 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 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

**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 - WIC

**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

**PARENT INFO**  
 Health Insurance: 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

**HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE**  
 CT DDS through TVCCA -  
 860.425.6681 or 860.889.1365 or 211 or 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

**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>

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

**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**

Our buildings are closed to the public

**A reminder: With the exception of essential personnel, all of our buildings are closed to the public at this time. Thank you.**



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.

**Our Website**

Please visit our website often, as we update the site with relevant information for students, families, and all community stakeholders. We have reformatted our [School Closure Information & COVID-19 Resource Page](#). We hope you find the new format to be more user-friendly and helpful. Be sure to click on all tabs to access different information.

**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)

	<p>Griswold Middle School  Phone: 860-376-7630  Glenn LaBossiere, Principal:  <a href="mailto:glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org">glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Louis Zubek, Assistant Principal:  <a href="mailto:lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org">lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Renee Normandie, School Nurse  <a href="mailto:rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org">rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org</a></p> <p>Griswold High School  Phone 860-376-7640  Erin Palonen, Principal  <a href="mailto:epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org">epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Marceline Macrino, Assistant Principal  <a href="mailto:mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org">mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Denise Tedeschi, School Nurse  <a href="mailto:dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org">dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org</a></p>
Continuous Learning Plan	<p>We continue to monitor, adjust and implement our "Continuous Learning Plan." Should you have any questions about our plan, please contact Mrs. Susan Rourke, Director of Curriculum, Instruction &amp; Assessment at <a href="mailto:srourke@griswoldpublicschools.org">srourke@griswoldpublicschools.org</a></p>
Technology	<p>All technology concerns, questions, and requests: please contact Jill Curioso at <a href="mailto:jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org">jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>.</p>

We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,



Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools