



Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

Our district has designed surveys to get your feedback on distance learning, so that we can make improvements. The surveys are anonymous, and the information will help us make the necessary identified changes. Your voice matters, so please participate!

Students

For students in PK - 4, [please click here](#).

For students in grades 5 -12, [please click here](#).

Parents

For the parent survey, [please click here](#)

All our surveys are also accessible on our School Closure and COVID-19 Resource Page.



**PLEASE PARTICIPATE
IN OUR
DISTRICT SURVEYS**

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.

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.

To stay informed about the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance meeting dates, [please click here](#) and scroll down a bit.

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

GRAB & GO MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Grab & Go Meals will be offered on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday only**. There will be no Grab & Go on Tuesday or Thursday. Grab & Go runs from 10 am - 2 pm at GMS.

THE P-EBT CARD FOR STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH


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, [please click here](#).

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

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 - 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

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

<p>Our buildings are closed to the public</p>	<p>A reminder: With the exception of essential personnel, <u>all of our buildings are closed to the public at this time.</u> Thank you.</p>
<div data-bbox="77 884 826 1119">  <p>Griswold Elementary School</p> </div> <p>IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.</p>	<p>GES has moved their registration packet online. To access the packet, please click here.</p> <p>You can download and complete each form electronically. Then email them back to: jcaviness@griswoldpublicschools.org.</p> <p>Any additional documents (birth certificate, proofs of residency, drivers license, physical) may also be sent here by scanning or taking a photo.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during this time.</p>
<p>School Contact Information</p>	<p>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:</p>

	<p>Griswold Elementary School Phone: 860-376-7610 Joe Bordeau, Principal: jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org Jackie Love, Assistant Principal: jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org Tonia Soper, School Nurse tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org</p> <p>Griswold Middle School Phone: 860-376-7630 Glenn LaBossiere, Principal: glabossiere@griswoldpublicschools.org Louis Zubek, Assistant Principal: lzubek@griswoldpublicschools.org Renee Normandie, School Nurse rnormandie@griswoldpublicschools.org</p> <p>Griswold High School Phone 860-376-7640 Erin Palonen, Principal epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org Marceline Macrino, Assistant Principal mmacrino@griswoldpublicschools.org Denise Tedeschi, School Nurse dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org</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 & Assessment at srourke@griswoldpublicschools.org</p>
Technology	<p>All technology concerns, questions, and requests: please contact Jill Curioso at jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org.</p>

We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,



Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools