



# Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

TOPIC	
	<p>GPS: PLEASE JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING AND THANKING OUR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKERS AND CUSTODIAL STAFF. WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD. YOU ARE INCREDIBLY VALUABLE MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM, AND WE WANT <u>YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT</u>. WE THANK YOU AND SALUTE YOU!</p>
	<p>Inside SEL--Social and Emotional Learning is a wonderful online resource for parents, students, and educators. Be sure to visit this site, scroll to the bottom of the page, and explore the different topics that may appeal to you! <a href="#">Click here</a>.</p>
<p>GRAB &amp; GO MEAL DISTRIBUTION</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>

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.



### **Student Code of Conduct during the Continuous Learning Plan**


Griswold Public Schools has developed a Code of Conduct for Students during this period of online teaching and learning. This is an important component of our Continuous Learning Plan. [Please click here to learn more.](#)



### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AT GHS**

To learn more about the changes to the Community Service requirement at GHS, [please click here.](#)




## 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.**

When will school reopen?

**Governor Lamont announced that schools in Connecticut will be closed until *at least* May 20th. We will keep Griswold up-to-date with any and all developments, as we receive information.**

**Please participate in the census, if you have not done so already!!!**

## They grow up so fast. Now's your chance to shape their future.



A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

**On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.**

Learn more about how you can shape your future at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV).

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at [CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS).



Shape  
your future  
START HERE >

United States  
Census  
2020



**Virtual Parade hosted by the Griswold Youth Center!**



**All "Floats" Will Be In a Online Video Parade!  
(deadline to submit: May 1st)**

**EASY TO PARTICIPATE! SUBMIT A PIC/VIDEO TO  
FACEBOOK EVENT: GRISWOLD'S VIRTUAL PARADE!**

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP  
TO SUBMIT YOUR "FLOAT" PICTURE/VIDEO  
(atv, bike, car, toy, big wheel, scooter...  
anything you can decorate!)**

**GRISWOLD PARK/REC  
VIRTUAL PARADE**

**griswoldREC.org**

**GES**

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.

<p><b>Our Website</b></p>	<p>Please visit our website often, as we update the site with relevant information for students, families, and all community stakeholders. We have reformatted our <a href="#">School Closure Information &amp; COVID-19 Resource Page</a>. 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.</p>
<p><b>School Contact Information</b></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:  <a href="mailto:jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org">jbordeau@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Jackie Love, Assistant Principal:  <a href="mailto:jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org">jlove@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>  Tonia Soper, School Nurse  <a href="mailto:tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org">tsoper@griswoldpublicschools.org</a></p> <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	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 <a href="mailto:srourke@griswoldpublicschools.org">srourke@griswoldpublicschools.org</a>
Technology	All technology concerns, questions, and requests: please contact Jill Curioso at <a href="mailto:jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org">jcurioso@griswoldpublicschools.org</a> .

We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,



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