



# Griswold Public Schools

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Dear GPS:

Here are today's updates!

TOPIC	
	<p><b>GPS: PLEASE JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING AND THANKING OUR GRISWOLD EDUCATORS DURING THIS WEEK, TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. THEIR DEDICATION, COMPASSION, FLEXIBILITY, AND CREATIVITY SHINE IN A TIME MARKED BY SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT OUR EDUCATORS DO, INCLUDING THE EFFORTS THAT ARE SEEN AND NOTICED AND THE MANY OTHER EFFORTS THEY UNDERTAKE WITH GRACE AND HUMILITY.</b></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! [Click here](#).

#### 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 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.



#### Assessment and Grading during the School Closure Period

Griswold Public Schools has developed a guiding document on assessment and grading during this period of online teaching and learning. This is an important component of our Continuous Learning Plan. [Please click here to review](#).




## 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.**



## By popular demand: Community Bingo, Round 2!

## BY POPULAR DEMAND! IT IS BACK! ROUND 2!

### HOW TO PLAY ROUND 2:

- 1) Screenshot or Print the BINGO card.
- 2) Like both of our Facebook pages: @griswoldpride @griswoldrec
- 3) Join our private Facebook Group: Griswold Family BINGO
- 4) Get started and have fun completing our suggested activities. After you complete an activity, mark it off on your BINGO card.
- 5) Every family is allowed to pick TWO free spaces to cross out activities you won't be able to complete. If there are more than two activities that won't work for your family then you are allowed to come up with a different activity to replace it.
- 5) Once your BINGO board is complete for a full (aka BLACKOUT BINGO) post a picture to the Group Page: Griswold Family BINGO! We will message you!
- 6) You will receive a certificate for a FREE LARGE PIZZA from Sorell's. A certificate will be emailed or texted to you! **MUST POST IMAGES/VIDEOS TO THE FACEBOOK GROUP!** Thank you Sorell's Family!

Must tag our Facebook pages in your post by typing:  
@griswoldpride and @griswoldrec  
and use #griswoldfamilybingo

GRISWOLD / JEWETT CITY  
RESIDENTS ONLY  
ONE PER FAMILY  
LIMITED TO 100 SUBMISSIONS



Griswold PRIDE + Youth/Family & Park/Rec are teaming up in an effort to help ease the stress of having kids home all day! We thought it would be fun to incorporate some different activities into your day.

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CLEAN UP THE YARD FOR YOUR PARENTS	LIST WHAT YOUR GRATEFUL FOR	RACE OR COMPETE IN AN EXERCISE AGAINST A FAMILY MEMBER	PAIR UP & COUNT YOUR SOCKS	CREATE A DANCE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER
FIND A ROOM, CLEAN IT WHILE SINGING	PLAY A GAME AS A FAMILY	HELP PREPARE A MEAL	CLEAN THE COUCH & MAKE A PILE OF WHAT YOU FOUND	VIDEO CALL A FAMILY MEMBER AND MAKE THEM SMILE
MAKE A PICTURE FOR YOUR TEACHER	COLLECT TWIGS/STICKS AND BUILD SOMETHING	TELL A PARENT SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY	BUILD AN OBSTACLE COURSE	THANK THE CAFETERIA TEAM FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
NO ARGUING FOR ONE WHOLE DAY	WEAR PJ'S ALL DAY, INSIDE & OUTSIDE	FIND A BUG, AND RESEARCH WHAT IT IS	DRAW THE GRISWOLD PAW	HELP FOLD CLOTHES OR TOWELS
GIVE FACEBOOK PAGE: GRISWOLDREC OR GRISWOLDPRIDE A REVIEW	CREATE A FAMILY HUG WITH AS MANY AS YOU CAN	LET A SIBLING OR PARENT GIVE YOU CRAZY HAIR	EAT A FOOD YOU HAVEN'T TRIED BEFORE	DONATE A CAN GOOD TO ST. MARY'S PANTRY
COMMUNITY BLACKOUT BINGO				



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,  
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