

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I always begin my reflections with a “thank you.” Thank you to the parents, you are in the mix; your time and guidance for your children is evident. To our faculty/staff; so proud to consider the entire faculty and staff as colleagues. Although our weekly faculty meetings are “virtual,” I can see and feel their passion and dedication to our children, profession and community. The “moral imperative of our profession is evident within the Califon School District, good for our children. Mr. Patton, I spend more time with Mr. Patton than anyone else. He guides all of us through these times. Ms. Zarra, our Business Administrator, monitors all the district functions. Although our district is closed, she readily accepts the responsibilities associated with the financial aspect/management and governance of our district. Ms. French-Gonzalez keeps us on our “mark,” always available and ensures all district information is updated. Our Board of Education participated in all virtual meetings and professional learning initiatives.

My students – what can I say? Our wealth – they are **Califon Strong**. I have visited with some of the classes. Yes, it is different yet, the same. I know they enjoy it when I disrupt their classes. Class disruption, that is my pattern; I need to see the kids. I need the kids more than they need me – I miss the engagement – miss their energy and synergy.

Our eighth-grade students displayed real and authentic leadership. They had a meeting to discuss and develop a schedule for their work. Love this – educationally, it is the application of problem-based learning in alignment with the NJSLS to real life situations. Highly effective – highly effective – the future is secure.

The Ruberto family is well. My children, Suzanne and Jaclyn, check-in each day and monitor Ron and I to make sure we are balanced in our daily schedule. My grandchildren, like your children, have adapted. My hope is that Amazon continues to deliver activity books and Legos, please continue Amazon.

On behalf of the entire Califon Public School District we wish you all a healthy and safe Spring recess. Administration will be monitoring emails during the recess; do not hesitate to reach out.

I wish you well,

Johanna S. Ruberto, Ed.D.

As we all continue to navigate this situation, the following information is offered.

- **Spring Recess**

April 10 to April 14 – Online instruction begins on Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Last day of school June 10, 2020 (June 9 and 10 Early dismissal)

- **Governor – Executive Orders**

All schools in New Jersey are closed until April 30, at that time an assessment will be completed.

All mandated assessments are canceled for the 2020 assessment period.

- **Califon School Facility**

Facility/playground is closed. The building is monitored.

- **Report Cards – Third marking period**

Available via Parent Portal in Genesis

- **Fourth Marking Period – End date June 5**

Additional information as it relates to assessments for the fourth marking period will be offered after the recess.

- **Alternative Intervention Plan – During school closure**

All district protocols are in place.

A formal announcement to confirm procedures and contact information will be forwarded and posted on the district web site.

- **Pre-K (New Program) and Kindergarten Registration**

Please visit the district web site for registration:

<https://www.califonschool.org/registration>

- **Activities**

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The trip will be rescheduled for September

Current students currently in the sixth grade/parents will be included

- Eighth- grade

Remember to order your yearbook

Final activities/dates will be offered.

- **Board of Education Meeting**

April 29, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

Budget 2020 -2021 Presentation

Visit the web site for public announcement and public participation

- **NJTV:** <https://www.njtvonline.org/programs/njtv-learning-live/>

The New Jersey Department of Education [announced](#) the launch of *NJTV Learning Live*, a partnership between the Department, NJTV and the NJEA, which will feature televised instruction delivered by New Jersey teachers.

The program, focusing on grades 3 to 6, commenced on NJTV on April 6.

- **Census 2020**

Please remember to complete your Census.