

May 29, 2020

Dear Spaulding Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial weekend break and the lovely weather. In talking with staff most folks spent plenty of time outside on walks, bike rides, cookouts and yard work. A few lucky folks opened their pools! June is upon us and we are all looking forward to the summer months and time to recharge.

The district continues to plan for summer options and the next school year. As we get more information regarding summer learning opportunities and guidelines for reopening, we will share this information with families.

Distance Learning: We're getting into the home stretch with distance learning. Please continue to have your child log in and participate in their learning every day. Teachers continue to provide live, interactive lessons for students. Families are strongly encouraged to have their children join these lessons. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly. Thank you for your continued partnership and all that you are doing to promote your child's learning during this time.

Virtual Field Day is coming! Spaulding and McAlister will be holding combined field day events the week of June 8th for all families. The events will begin Monday, June 8th and continue throughout the week. Each day there will be two new events for families to enjoy. Mr. Bourgoin, Mr. Desrosiers, and Mrs. Raymond will provide directions and videos. Events are optional and can be done anytime throughout the week. We hope families will submit scores and videos and most of all have FUN!

Suffield High School Graduation: We want to give a big shout out of congratulations to our graduating seniors! We are so proud of all of you! Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 6th. The high school has shared the graduation plan to all families of seniors. This life event is an important milestone for our seniors and we know our high school staff has done its best to develop a way to celebrate this special day.

Kent Memorial Library in Suffield: We want everyone reading, adults and children alike! To aid in making great books accessible to all, the following is some specific information regarding Suffield library curbside pick-up.

Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 11am -1pm
Friday 3pm-5pm

People can place a hold:

1. Through the online catalog, using your library card.
2. Or you can call the library 860-668-3896 (leave a message if no one is there to answer).
3. Or send them an email:
ref@suffield-library.org<<mailto:ref@suffield-library.org>>.

The library information says 5 items only, but we're told they are not sticking to that:) When the item (book, DVD, etc...) is ready for pick-up, they will contact you and ask you which day you would like to come pick it up. When you arrive at the library, give the library a call to say you are outside and staff will place the requests on a table outside of the door (the items will already be checked out to you at that point.) Also of note, we're told the Nutmeg books should be available in the next few weeks!

Mindfulness Corner: Hello Spaulding Families. This week was the beginning of a two part series for students' social emotional learning, that is centered around problem solving. We feel our Spaulding Stars have been thrown quite a few curve balls this school season, and have been asked to practice resilience, perseverance, and flexible thinking at a fast pace. With that being said, we want to be sure our students have the lessons and skills needed to continue being as resilient as they have been during this time.

Problem Solving: Week 1 of 2
(Book: Little Spot of Optimism)

With new experience, and unforeseen circumstance comes growth, and we also acknowledge it comes with some pushback and feelings of frustration. That is why we have created this **Problem Solving** series to support our learners the best we can.

Included in our lesson this week is a **Problem Solving Worksheet** Dr. DeMichele created to support practicing problem solving skills at home. We hope you can save this tool in your parent toolbox for the next time your learner needs some support working through a problem. [Problem Solving Worksheet](#).

As always we love to hear from you, and we appreciate the positive feedback you have been sending through email and SeeSaw messages. As difficult as it is to feel connected during these times, your comments, smiles and thumbs up, make all of the difference, so **thank you**, we appreciate you.

And remember...Taking the **STEP** to resolve a problem can be simple! Remember to have your learner...

Say the problem without blame
Think of solutions safe and respectful
Explore consequences. What could happen if...
Pick the best solution. Make your plan.

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Reminders:

- If your student is having technology problems with a school provided device, please use this [technology link](#) to make our technology department aware of the issue. This link is always available on the district website.
- Lunches/breakfasts will continue to be provided on the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. You don't need to sign up again if you have already done so. If you have not previously signed up and would like to, please use the following link and fill out a form for each of your children. [food sign-up link](#).
- Our Class of 2033 Kindergarten Screenings scheduled for April 9, 22, and 23 have been cancelled. We will be in contact with our incoming kindergarten families in the future with revised plans. Please continue to submit registration paperwork to Jamie Neilson in our district's Central Office. If you have any questions regarding registration please contact Jamie at jneilson@suffield.org
- Kent Memorial Curbside Pickup: We're fortunate to have the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield! They are now offering [Curbside Pickup Services](#) where patrons can borrow and return books while maintaining social distancing.
- Thursday, June 18, Last Day of School

We miss you all!



Sincerely,
Roxanne & Kris