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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week's update includes:

- Resources for families, including a new link for mental health resources for parents and children;
- A Grab and Go reminder, with new information about distribution dates;
- The last packet pickup reminder;
- Chromebook return;
- Personal belongings pickup;
- Medication pickup; and
- Eighth grade, kindergarten and preschool promotion information.

Resources for Families

Please know that the WESD is here to provide you with support during this challenging time. If you need assistance, please reach out to your child's teacher, school social worker, principal, or utilize some of the resources below. New this week is a wealth of information from the [National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health \(NFFCMH\)](#) including videos, tips and activities related to self-care and coping with stress and anxiety, how to talk with kids about COVID-19 and so much more, that families can use.

The Web site, arizonatogether.org, provides many resources for families including mental health, employment, financial assistance, community resources and options for Internet access. The Web site, 211arizona.org also provides resources for families including clothing, housing, health and dental, support groups and family services. Teen LifeLine is a resource for students who may need someone to reach out to. They can be reached at www.teenlifeline.org or 602-248-8336. For parents who need emotional support, the National Parent Helpline is available at 1-855-427-2736. The WESD Social Services Department, including school social workers, are available through email or voicemail. Their contact information can be found on each school's website.

If you have any questions or are in need of resources, please email our Social Services Department at socialservices@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2636.



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Grab and Go Meal Program

In our first seven weeks, WESD has served nearly 460,000 meals! The Grab and Go program will be available **Tuesday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** at the 13 locations below. **There will be no meal service May 25-29.** However, Glendale Union High School District will be providing meals that week for families who need it. The Nutrition Services Department will transition to its Summer Feeding program for the month of June. Locations and times are being finalized. As soon as the Summer Feeding program details are completed, it will be shared on the Web, social media and through emails to families.

Acacia Elementary	3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Cholla Middle School	3120 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Desert View Elementary	8621 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Maryland School	6503 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015
Mountain View School	801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Ocotillo Elementary	3225 W. Ocotillo, Phoenix, AZ 85017
Orangewood School	7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Richard E. Miller Elementary	2021 W. Alice, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Roadrunner Elementary	7702 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051
Shaw Butte Elementary	12202 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Sunnyslope School	245 E. Mountain View Road, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Sunset Elementary	4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302
Washington Elementary	8033 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051

If you have questions about the Grab and Go Meal Program, please email Nicole Augustine at Nicole.augustine@wesdschools.org or call 602-896-5240.

Packet Distribution – Final Date, May 14

The last packet distribution of the school year will take place Thursday, May 14, from **9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**, at each of our 32 schools. This packet will include lessons through the last day of school, May 19. Please go to our WESD website at www.wesdschools.org/students for fun, virtual, challenging opportunities for all ages.

Chromebook Return – Monday, May 18

If you checked out a Chromebook for your student, it needs to be returned to the school that you checked it out from on Monday, May 18. For families with more than one student, Chromebooks were checked out where their oldest child is enrolled. A schedule for returns will be established

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by each school. Be sure to watch for specific information from the school you borrowed the Chromebook from for more information. Please be sure Chromebooks are charged before you return them. For more information, contact your school principal.

Student Belongings Pickup – Monday, May 18

Next week, teachers will return to their classrooms and remove students' personal belongings from their desks, if there are any. These items will be bagged and labeled and the teacher will reach out directly to students who have items to be picked up. Be sure to watch for information from your school or contact your child's teacher directly if you have additional questions.

Medication Pickup – Appointment only, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20

School Health Techs will be calling families who have medication in the Health Office and scheduling a time on either Tuesday, May 19 or Wednesday, May 20 to pick it up.

Eighth Grade, Kindergarten and Preschool Promotion

The health and safety of our students, their families and our staff is one of our top priorities. With schools closed for the remainder of the year and the Governor's Stay at Home order extended through May 15, we've made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional eighth grade promotion ceremonies at all K-8 and 7/8 schools. We know that transitioning to high school is an exciting time for our eighth graders. To celebrate this milestone, each school will create a special video to honor their eighth grade students. Families will receive a link to the video presentation, which can be shared with family and friends. Promotion certificates will be mailed to students during the week of May 25.

Additionally, schools will not be conducting special promotion ceremonies for kindergarten or preschool students.

Please stay safe and care for the needs of your family. WESD continues to remain committed to offering resources and support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Stanton
Superintendent