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Superintendent's Message:

Happy President's Day Holiday Weekend!

February 12, 2021

Dear GUSD Parents, Families, and Community,

I hope this weekly communication finds you doing well and ready for a great weekend with your loved ones! We thank our Greenfield Community for our partnership this 2020-21 school year as we continue navigating unprecedented times together. We wish you well and want everyone to prosper in good health and happiness as we patiently await our turn to receive the vaccine. This week, I received information that the Monterey Health Department continues to analyze data, quantities of vaccine, and will hopefully let our Greenfield educators and our farm-working community know when we are eligible to receive our vaccine. Please register at myturn.ca.gov to get in line for your vaccine. Again, thank you for working with us! We appreciate you!

I write this week to share several important updates as follows:

Monday, February 15th is a Holiday! Wishing you all a wonderful three day weekend as we have a day off from school in observance of President's Day. Enjoy your time with family!

Greenfield Positive COVID Cases: As of February 12, 2021, there 41,246 positive cases in Monterey County, 12,485 in South County, and 2,668 in Greenfield with 2,604 of those in Greenfield that have already recovered. Please see [this link](#) if you would like to access daily COVID stats for Monterey County and Greenfield. We miss our kids deeply and thank you for taking all safety and health precautions seriously. Please stay at home, wear a mask, wash your hands, and physically distance from others when outside your home. Thank you!

Monterey County Vaccine Distribution: As of February 12, 2021, the MCHD shared news that the COVID vaccine has arrived and is being dispensed to all agencies per the Tiered phases identified by the Governor of California. Those in tier 1b which include education and farmworkers await our turn to be vaccinated. GUSD has submitted our request to MCHD to have all our education personnel who voluntarily decide to be vaccinated accounted for. Our staff survey indicated that 80% of our staff wishes to get vaccinated. Please register at myturn.ca.gov to get in line for your vaccine.

Monterey County Food Bank: This week our Child Nutrition Department distributed 2,000 boxes of Food Bank perishable items to our families that included vegetables, milk, cheese, produce, yogurt, meats, and sour cream. In response to the demand that we anticipated, we also distributed 2,700 meals per day to our children ages 1-18. On Tuesday, every meal and Food Bank box was picked up by our families by 12pm. On Thursday, every meal and Food Bank box was picked up by 2pm. We will continue to serve adequate numbers of meals to meet the needs of our community and thank The Food Bank of Monterey County for their greatly appreciated partnership! Please come early to receive your boxes next week before we run out. The nutrition menu for February 15th to the 19th is [here](#) for your convenience.

Friendly Reminder: Parent Teacher Conferences are Coming Up: Our teachers are excited to share how your child is progressing this year in the classroom and look forward to scheduling special time with our parents to share that news. All elementary parent-teacher conferences are the week of February 22-26th and middle school conferences are the week of March 1-5, 2021. We will see you soon!

Governor Newsom's COVID Cases Color-coded County News: The Governor continues to utilize a color-coding system to monitor California and to determine when schools might be eligible for in-person instruction. California is **STILL** experiencing a definite surge with **53/58 counties with elevated, widespread COVID cases** in the purple tier and statewide ICU capacity at 13.6% as of today. Please visit [this web link](#) for info.

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Small Group Instruction News: We had another successful, GREAT week of small, in-person groups of students, teachers, and support staff in Preschool, TK and SDC and we are grateful to be able to respond to the families who need our support. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see happy GUSD staff and children!

Family Engagement News: This SVMH Mobile Clinic offers both Flu shots and COVID-19 tests and medical services on **Wednesdays** from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Door to Hope is also available as a great resource on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in our FRC from 9am-3pm with support in English, Spanish, and Triqui. Please visit our [GreenfieldUSD YouTube channel](#) to subscribe and view parent training workshop recordings at your convenience!

COVID Wellness Station News: Upon visiting our schools, please call first or enter through our “Wellness Station” so your temperature can be checked by school personnel. Please adhere to physical distance, wear a mask, and sanitize your hands upon entry. The only way we will get back to school safely is if we ALL do our part. Please visit the **MCHD** at <https://www.montereycountyclinicservices.org/> for information.

Superintendent Story Time: We resumed story time last week at 7:00pm and I am excited and ready to bring more fun and festive stories to you! Thank you for bringing me such joy as I love reading to you! Please visit our [GreenfieldUSD YouTube channel](#) to subscribe and view parent trainings at your convenience!

Technology Support and 100% WiFi for GUSD Students: The 60+ access points all over Greenfield provides broadband all day long. [Please click here](#) to see our FREE WiFi locations in Greenfield and call your school office for WiFi support as needed. Our technology team is available during the day M-F and evenings by appointment after 5pm.

97-100% Student Attendance News: We continue to be averaging 97-100% daily attendance EVERY DAY and send you a HUGE thank you! We are thankful that your child is up and ready to learn every day!

Friendly Reminder: Social Media Communications Please follow us so you receive all information in real time. Please click and save these links on your device. State and local guidance changes at a moment's notice so we want to make sure you get it! [GUSD Facebook](#), [OAK Facebook](#), [ASA Facebook](#), [CCES Facebook](#), [VMS Facebook](#), [MCA Facebook](#), [GUSD Instagram](#), [GUSD Twitter](#), [GUSD website](#), [GUSD YouTube](#).

Friendly Reminder: Teacher & School Communication: Our school teachers will routinely be sending Parent Square messages to you in regards to your child, so please make sure you are signed up for messages. Call your child's school for assistance or to set up an appointment to add the Parent Square to your cellular device.

As always, I wish you a wonderful weekend with you loved ones. We thank you for your continuous support, grace, and flexibility as we navigate through this COVID pandemic together. We appreciate you and thank you for letting GUSD be a part of your lives.

Sincerely,
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