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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this message finds everyone safe and healthy. As we begin this week of remote learning, I would like to thank all of our amazing parents and guardians for your support as we continue to educate our children in the face of this pandemic. We value your partnership and will continue to refine our practices as we work to keep our students moving forward during this crisis. Please know that our faculty and staff are here for your child and your family. If you need support for your child, please reach out to me or any of our teachers so that we may best support your child during this challenging time.

I speak for our entire staff when I say that we miss you all dearly! As educators, we love being at school with our students and colleagues! We hope that we can get back together soon and see all of our incredible students in person!

Thank you to Mr. Ryzuk and our faculty and staff for their wonderful efforts in creating a special video for our students and families to enjoy! Please go to this link to view the video!

<https://youtu.be/Vm70UJZSaMo>

**Updated Guidance Regarding Nutrition Benefits** – Last week the NJDOE Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP) provided districts with updated guidance on lunch pick up procedures. OSPEP has requested that all parents and guardians wear a mask or face covering when picking up your lunches. Thank you for your continued support as these procedures have been revised several times to meet current guidelines.

**All School Grounds Are Closed** – Please be reminded that in alignment with Governor Murphy's Executive Orders as well as the guidance from the NJDOE Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, the school campus is currently closed. This closure includes the playground, fitness stations, basketball court, walking path, and fields. Thank you for your adherence to this request.

**Social and Emotional Health** - The social and emotional health of our students, staff, families, and community members is critically important during this crisis. If you or your child are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or stressed, please reach out to Mrs. Roccisano, school social worker at [kroccisano@ltes.org](mailto:kroccisano@ltes.org) or Mrs. McIntyre, school psychologist at [bmccintyre@ltes.org](mailto:bmccintyre@ltes.org) who will be able

to connect you with resources and provide students with remote consultation and support. Additionally, we have launched our district Happiness Squad to check in with our district families.

**Book Fair** – Please note that the PTO Book Fair will be held remotely! We are so excited to be able to host this virtual book fair! We will also be hosting virtual spirit days for our students. Please feel free to join in the fun and celebrate our love of reading and school spirit even while we are learning at home.

**Lafayette School VIRTUAL Book Fair ~ Monday, May 4th - Friday May 15th**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lafayetteschoolbookfair>

Although our school is not open, the Book Fair is available for our students, teachers and parents to get great books and learning tools!

Online shopping starts on May 4th and is available through May 15th, and our school benefits from every online order. All book-only orders over \$25 will ship free to the shipping address that you designate.

So please support our school by participating in a fun-filled week of spirit days and buying new and exciting books for your family!

Virtual Spirit Days

5/4/20 – Mismatch Day – Wear mismatched clothes.

5/5/20 – Tiger Tuesday – Wear black and orange.

5/6/20 – Hat Day – Wear your wackiest hat.

5/7/20 – Themes Day – Grades P-3 – 60s Theme, Grades 4-5 – 70s Theme, Grades 6-8 – 80s Theme

5/8/20 – Pajama Day – Wear your pajamas.

**Spring Sports** – We are very disappointed to have to share information regarding another cancellation, but at this time the spring track season has been cancelled.

**Online Etiquette and Privacy Settings** – As we traverse the online educational environment together, we need to support our students with more than just navigating to a web address. It is important that our students also understand that they must continue to demonstrate appropriate school behavior within the remote instructional setting. When your child is engaged in a TEAMS lesson, please remind them to refrain from using the chat feature inappropriately, playing background music, muting one another, or creating content that is unrelated to the classroom. We are working to utilize as many of the Microsoft features as possible to support our students, but there are some features that are left on to facilitate discussion.

Thank you for your dedication to the students of the Lafayette Township School District! Together, we will support every child to reach their greatest potential.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cenatiempo