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UPDATE FROM SCHOOL 4/17/20

Dear Families and Students,

NYS Governor Cuomo has announced school closures continue until May 15th. Our school staff and related service providers are working hard to create meaningful learning opportunities to support students. I continue to be amazed by some of the lessons and activities that can be done remotely. During this week, I had the opportunity to listen to a student play a guitar solo of a Journey song, another student play bongos, and a classroom of students doing a fun filled online competition using Kahoot. I encourage you to take a look at our shout outs from this week and a project Ryan shared with us. If you have a suggestion for someone to be recognized in the shout out next week, send me an email.

I recognize the challenges students, staff and families are facing during these unprecedented times. Families, we appreciate the support and encouragement you are providing your children to stay engaged in the learning process and the tremendous support you are offering them. Our Green Chimneys team is available to support you and your family in many ways. If there is support or ideas you have, we would like to know. There is a parent survey that was sent by mail earlier this week and the link to the survey is further down in this newsletter in case you have not filled it out.

Students and families who have questions or concerns about their graduation plan or about the new high school guidelines should reach out to our school guidance counselor Trish DeBiase at pdebiase@greenchimneys.org.

I encourage our Green Chimneys families to continue to follow the recommendations given by the health experts to socially distance, avoid going into public when it is not necessary, wash your hands and high touch areas and do not gather in groups at this time so we can be back together as soon as it is safe.

As you know, our classroom teachers and related service providers are using Zoom. Many of our teachers are also having students log into web-based programs, emailing work and completing project-based learning. As a supplement, many of our classroom teachers are using Google Classroom to post assignments and complete work digitally.

Our Program Teachers have worked hard to put together assignments to be completed on Google Classroom. The classroom codes for each room for program areas are listed below. Each student has a greenchimneys.us email address and password to log in and see their assignments. If you do not know the password and login for your child's email address, please reach out to Rachel Crognale at rcrognale@greenchimneys.us for assistance.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jerry Newell
Green Chimneys School Principal