



# Thunderbird Take Home - May 19, 2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Mon-Fri		Teacher Online Office Hours	10:00-12:00 PM
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri		Online Instructional Hours	1:00-4:00 PM
Thursday	May 20, 2020	Virtual PTC Meeting Google Meets - <a href="https://meet.google.com/iaw-ofgp-cnf">https://meet.google.com/iaw-ofgp-cnf</a> Phone - 1 573-667-3259 PIN: 161 832 626#	7:00 PM
Tuesday	May 26, 2020	Next Year's 7th and 8th Grade Forecasting Sheets Distributed in Google Classroom	6th Grade - Science 7th Grade - ELA
Friday	May 29, 2020	Next Year's 7th and 8th Grade Forecasting Sheets Due in Google Classroom	

## UNDERSTANDING GRADING FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

Please watch the below video for more information about the grading system and use of ParentVue. Thank you Rana Kahl for creating this video for parents.

### [Understanding Grading for Distant Learning](#)

## GRADING FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

The Gresham Barlow School District and Oregon Department of Education has come out with guidance for Distance Learning grading. At the end of the year all students will receive a report card marking students' progress for engaging in their classes.

To better communicate student progress all GRMS teachers will be entering the previous week's progress

in ParentVue every Monday by 4:00 pm. Your student will be given a mark of PR or Missing. If your student receives a PR for the previous week this indicates that they have engaged in at least 60% of the work assigned for that week. A mark of Missing means that the work was not completed or the student has not engaged in at least 60% of the work assigned.

All school work is due no later than 11:59 pm on Sundays from the previous week. Students are strongly encouraged to complete work the day it is assigned.

Please see the graph below for guide of end of the year grading marks:

<b><u>GRADES 6-8 STUDENT SCENARIOS + GRADE AWARDED</u></b>	
<b>P = Progressing</b>	<b>NG = No Grade</b>
If Student is able to engage/ participate: 60% of work attempted over the course of 3rd trimester (between April 27-June 10)	If Student is not able to engage/ participate: Less than 60% of work attempted over the course of 3rd trimester (between April 27-June 10)

## VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CLUB

The Parent Teacher Club or PTC will be meeting virtually on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM. Please join us via Google Meets at <https://meet.google.com/iaw-ofgp-cnf> or by phone at +1 573-667-3259 PIN: 161 832 626#

## LOCKER CONTENT PICK-UP

If your student was unable to pick-up the contents from their lockers on May 7th, please call the front office at 503-667-6900 to set up an appointment to get the items. Contents will need to be picked up by **June 10th**. After that date all items will be donated.

## PARENTVUE

As we move forward as an online community, ParentVue is the way that information will be shared with families. Parents must have an updated account to receive communications. You use your ParentVUE account to update all contact information, access Trimester 2 Final grades and assignments. If you have not activated your ParentVUE account or have questions about using this tool, please contact the office 503-667-6900 to receive an activation code.

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

The Gresham-Barlow School District expects all users of technology and the internet to:

- Show Respect for the Values and Opinions of Others.
- Show Respect for your Personal Integrity.
- Show Respect for the Laws of the Community, State and Country.
- Show Respect for Values of Parents, Guardians and Teachers.
- Show Respect for Equipment and Programs.
- Show Respect for Work and Work Space of Others.

## Community Resources

### Internet Access at Home:

In order to have access to learning materials, your student will need access to the Internet. Most Internet providers are waiving late fees and suspending data usage limits due to COVID-19. The following are internet providers that you can contact to activate internet services:

1. Comcast basic internet is free for low-income customers for 60 days and \$9.99/month after that: [www.internetessentials.com/Apply](http://www.internetessentials.com/Apply)
2. Comcast: [corporate.comcast.com/covid-19](http://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19)
3. CenturyLink: [news.centurylink.com/covid-19](http://news.centurylink.com/covid-19)

## Emergency Relief Resources:

Below you will find information on various sources including Food/Benefits, Utilities/Rent, Health and more.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_vxTr5ze9Po3noASrmc3075x9EMsKZQczUe-QHsWADQ/htmlview?usp=sharing#](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_vxTr5ze9Po3noASrmc3075x9EMsKZQczUe-QHsWADQ/htmlview?usp=sharing#)

## Emergency Dental Services:

<https://www.medicalteams.org/how-we-heal/mobile-dental-program/emergency-dental-clinics/>

<https://multco.us/health/student-health-centers>

## School Meals:

Free grab and go meals for students have been moved to **Powell Valley Elementary School**.

10:30 am to 11:30 am - Pick up Lunch and Cold Breakfast for Following Day

For the most updated information click on the below link.

<https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=9003>

## School Counselors:

GRMS School Counselors are available during our regular school hours from 8:00-4:00 pm.

**Erika Dixon** [dixon20@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:dixon20@gresham.k12.or.us)  
6th & 7th grade M-F

**Tricia Bootzin** [bootzin@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:bootzin@gresham.k12.or.us)  
8th grade M/W/F

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need someone to talk to you, please consider contacting the following crisis lines. Support is available to you 24 hours a day at the contacts below.

### Crisis Text Line:

Text 'hello' to 741-741 or visit [crisistextline.org](http://crisistextline.org)

Lines for Life: 1-800-273-8255

Youthline: 1-877-968-8491 or text "teen2teen" to 839863

The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386

Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888

For information on other available community resources, [check out this directory.](#)

## FAQ FOR PARENTS

### When will my student receive technology?

You can call the main phone at GRMS 503-667-6900 and schedule an appointment to pick-up a Chromebook. We are scheduling them from 10-2 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**When can my student get their band instruments?**

You can call the main phone at GRMS 503-667-6900 and schedule an appointment to pick-up their instruments. We are scheduling them from 10-2 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**I need to pick up my student's medication.**

Please call the front office and we will make arrangements for you to come in. You may also pick up medications on the locker cleanout day, May 7th.

**Can my 8th grade student pick up forecasting sheets for high school?**

No. Forecasting will now be done through 8th Grade Social Studies Google Classroom. Please check these sites for instructions.

**We don't have internet access. What can we do?**

Please see the article under Community Resources above.

**How does my student get assignments from their teacher?**

Coursework and assignments are available to students through teacher-created Google Classrooms. Students should log into Google Classrooms daily.

## **DISTANCE LEARNING FOR ALL**

**Expectations:**

- Teachers will send out lessons and information each school day by 9:00 am in the morning or earlier.
- Students are *required to complete all lessons and assignments* each week for all classes.
- Wednesdays will be reserved for teachers to plan, prepare, receive professional development, and meet with colleagues to further develop their plans to cover content standards, but students will still have an activity sent to them by 9:00am or earlier.
- For middle school, "Instructional Hours" will be from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm during the 4 instructional days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday). This will be a time when teachers may hold optional "real-time" check-ins with students, small groups, or whole classes via Google Hangouts/Meet, provide feedback on student work, hold tutorial sessions or post instructional videos.
- This does not mean that your child has to complete the work during this window of time, they will have the flexibility to complete work as it is convenient for them, and materials from "Instructional Hours" will be available to students through the Google Classroom pages 24-hours a day. You should expect your student to work about 3 hours each day.
- "Office Hours" will take place every day (including Wednesday) between 10:00 am-12:00 pm. This is guaranteed time that teachers will be available to connect with students and parents about the assignments for the week.
- Teachers will use the instructional hours not to meet as a whole class by period, but to address individual and small group needs as they arise.
- There will be lessons and assignments delivered on Wednesday. This is still a school day for students.
- Attendance is currently being tracked by completion of activities and assignments, not by attending virtual meetings.

## Typical “Distance Learning” Week for Middle School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:00-10:00</b>	Teacher planning, prep, meetings and collaboration		Teacher Professional Development	Teacher planning, prep, meetings and collaboration	
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Daily lessons available to students</b>				
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	Teacher Online Office Hours				
<b>1:00-4:00</b>	<b>Online Instructional Hours</b> small group instruction based on student need by subject	<b>Online Instructional Hours</b> small group instruction based on student need by subject	Teacher Professional Development	<b>Online Instructional Hours</b> small group instruction based on student need by subject	<b>Online Instructional Hours</b> small group instruction based on student need by subject