

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 4/27

I hope you are all staying healthy and active. The Taft staff is working hard on remote learning and balancing what is too much and too little. You will begin to see new learning start. Please continue to reach out to teachers or myself if you are in need of technology. Though the building is closed, learning will continue. As a staff, we will also be working on professional development, curriculum mapping, and end of the year activities such as placement. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Stay healthy!

Principal Bellville

This week at Taft:

- Last day of school - June 17th
- Taft closed for students through June 29th
- Building closed to the public

Please enjoy this video that Courtney Webber, our BCBA created of the things that staff are doing in their downtime to relax. We miss all of you!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZLbZAAH_Ag&feature=youtu.be

Casella Calendar Contest Winners:

Back in February Ms. Oullette collaborated with the 3rd grade team and helped students make drawings about recycling to submit to the Casella Calendar Contest. Max Gaudet in Ms. Osterhoudt's class won 3rd place in the contest. And Evelyn Barnes in Mrs. Buckley's class won an honorable mention. Congratulations Max and Evelyn!!!!

Message from Patti Sprague, Math Coordinator:

The Taft Math Fairies are essential workers, and they have delivered May's Problems of the Month! Check out this [Padlet](#) for each grade level's problem. Click the plus sign underneath to upload your student's answer. It could be a picture of their work or a video or sound recording of their explanation. Here are more [detailed instructions](#), if necessary. Please join us to share your child's thinking and check out the work of other students!

Taft Placement for 2020-2021:

As we are busy working on remote learning, end of the year activities are also continuing to take place as we look towards next year. The staff and I have begun working together to organize students into classes for the next school year. We first start by gathering information about each child that will be helpful in making the best student-classroom match for the following year. In preparing these class lists we will also focus on ensuring that individual classes are balanced whenever possible by boys/girls, overall range of abilities, learning styles, special needs, and various behavioral concerns/combinations.

Classroom teachers are an integral part in student placement. They provide valuable information gained by working closely with your child all year. Our reading specialists, special educators, nurse and guidance counselor make important recommendations as well.

The role of the parents in this process is important. We want and respect your insights as they pertain to any additional information you can provide for us in this process. If you choose, please complete the attached [google survey](#) by May 8th. This information that you provide will only be seen by Mrs. Squier, Assistant Principal, and myself. I will incorporate this information into the decision-making process. However, requests for a specific teacher cannot be honored.

If there is information that you've given to the school in the past, and want it considered again, please include it again this year.

Constructing class lists for the following year is a long and sometimes difficult process, but one in which we take very seriously. You can be sure that throughout the placement process our goal is for your child to be placed in a classroom in which she or he will have the opportunity to meet their fullest potential.

Please email me with any questions that you may have regarding this process.

Meals to Go (see attached flyer):

Uxbridge Offers Healthy Meal Service to Children During School Closures

Nutritious Breakfast and Lunch available free to all Uxbridge Students

April 9, 2020 — Beginning Monday, April 13, 2020 in efforts to support families during school closures, Uxbridge Public Schools is providing free, nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to all Uxbridge students and *to all children/youth aged 0-21, regardless of residence or school attended*, as part of the USDA's emergency COVID-19 response.

“We want people to know that these healthy meals are available to all Uxbridge students. In fact, parents/caregivers can pick up meals on children's behalf to help ensure safe social distancing,” said Superintendent Frank Tiano. “We know that home food supplies are running low and it's important to try to keep people out of the supermarkets. This is a federally funded program, and the food is nutritious, so please come take your meals!”

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Uxbridge Public Schools offer meals at the **Taft Early Learning Center**, 16 Granite St, Uxbridge, MA 01569. Meals are available for pick-up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with breakfast and lunch offered for multiple days. “On Monday and Wednesday, we offer two breakfasts and lunches to cover Tuesday, and Thursday. On Friday, we offer three breakfasts and lunches to carry children through the weekend,” said Stephanie Barstow, the district’s School Nutrition Director.

- Meals are available **to Uxbridge Public School students and to all children/youth aged 0-21, regardless of residence or school attended.**
- Meals are available **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am - 1pm**
- Children receive **a free breakfast and lunch for every day of the week** (bagged breakfast and bagged lunch). Children (or parents/guardians on behalf of children) can take multiple days’ worth of meals at once.
- **On Fridays, families can pick up 6 meals** to cover both a breakfast and a lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- **Children do not need to be present for parents/guardians to pick up the meals.**
- **Safe social distancing is encouraged via the pick-up process:** Meals are distributed outside cafeteria doors on the sidewalk where families enter the drive-up/pick-up line, pull up to the curb, and inform staff how many students they are picking up for. Food service staff will place meals in the trunk of vehicles to maintain distance.
- Anyone who cannot make it out of their house to pick up a meal is encouraged to email Stephanie at sbarstow@uxbridge.k12.ma.us.

SPECIALISTS:

Monday’s Technology Activity:

April 27, 2020

STEM Activities from Mrs. Quintiliani

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with your child's name in this format:

firstname.lastname@uxbridge.k12.ma.us pw: Taftelc!

Grades 1-3

Is it really possible to build bridges out of pasta and paper?



Click on the FlipGrid link below to learn how engineers use the design process to make bridges like this, and solve other problems too.

[Think Like an Engineering Genius!](#)

Grades K-3

Animals, like this elephant, have adaptations that help them survive.

Go to the live Cams. Learn about some amazing animal superpowers. Then draw or make a model of your own imaginary animal and share it with your friends on FlipGrid.



Click on the FlipGrid link here:

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[Animal Super Power Challenge](#)

**Did you know FlipGrid will read the directions out loud to your child?
Look for the blue Immersive Reader Button below the directions.**

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