

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 5/17

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. Please continue to reach out to teachers or myself if you are in need of technology. Though the building is closed, learning continues. 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

ST MATH Message from Patti Sprague, Math Coordinator:

Second and third grade families: Curious about the new ST Math program you're seeing at home? Does your child need some ST Math motivation? Representatives from ST Math are holding 3 sessions this coming week, two for students and one for families. Student sessions will include a puzzle talk and a discussion of end-of-year objectives. Family meetings will consist of a quick overview of the ST Math science and platform, followed by a Q&A. The links are below. Please do not share them.

[2nd Grade Students](#) - Tuesday May 19th 2pm-2:40pm

[3rd Grade Students](#) - Wednesday May 20th 12pm-12:40pm

[2nd and 3rd Grade Families](#) - Thursday May 21st 1pm-2pm

We are so proud of our second and third graders who are working hard to hit their ST Math minute goals! Congratulations to these scholars who have completed 100% of their puzzles!

Justin M., Jacob M., Corey L., Charlotte C., William K., Paxton P., and Owen L.

Counselor's Corner from Ms. Kelley, School Psychologist and Mrs. Waterhouse, Adjustment Counselor:

Counselor's Corner: Here are some strategies your children can try to help them self-regulate or calm down when experiencing Big Feelings or are upset. Try them out or think of other ideas!

10 Phrases Kids & Teens Need to Hear More Often



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1	“I believe in you.”
2	“What’s on your mind?”
3	“I made a mistake. I’m sorry.”
4	“Can you tell me more about that?”
5	“I’m here for you when you need me.”
6	“I’m proud of how you handled that.”
7	“This is tough, but you can do tough things.”
8	“How are you feeling?”
9	“It’s okay to feel that way.”
10	“No.”

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10 WAYS

to Calm Down



1. Breathe in and out slowly 10 times.

2. Squeeze a stress ball.

3. Take a break and get a drink of water.

4. Talk to a grown-up.

5. Hug someone.

6. Draw a picture about it.

7. Write about your feelings.

8. Do some stretches.

9. Think of something happy.

10. Read a magazine or book.



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!”

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.

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- **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.

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