

# TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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## TAFT UPDATE - 4/20

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I hope you are all staying healthy and active. I hope that you have been able to enjoy some family time during this long weekend.

“Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE. The word itself says ‘I’m possible!’” - Audrey Hepburn

### **Stay healthy!**

Principal Bellville

### **This week at Taft:**

- Taft closed for students through May 3rd
- Building closed to the public
- Be sure to check out the Taft PTO Facebook page for fun activities.

### **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!!!!

### **Parent Workshop on Zoom and Epic:**

Wendy Phillips, Director of Curriculum, will be hosting a parent workshop on Zoom and the reading program Epic. If you would like to participate it will be Thursday, April 23rd from 7-8 pm. Please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/cpBZH6MD7HaZe6HSA>

### **Article shared by Rebecca Kelley, School Psychologist:**

Here is a short article about validating children's emotions. We know children will continue to have a difficult time as we navigate the world right now.

[https://ggia.berkeley.edu/practice/a\\_loving\\_space\\_for\\_kids\\_emotions](https://ggia.berkeley.edu/practice/a_loving_space_for_kids_emotions)

### **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.
- **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](mailto:sbarstow@uxbridge.k12.ma.us).

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## SPECIALISTS:

### Physical Education

#### A message from Mrs. Seagrave and the gym:

Hi Students and Families, Welcome to my class. I can't wait to see the results from the challenge that I am giving you!

Directions for this week's PE challenge:



**Indoor Scavenger Hunt**

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- A TOY WITH WHEELS
- A BOOK WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME IN THE TITLE
- A PAIR OF MATCHING SOCKS
- 4 THINGS THAT ARE GREEN
- SOMETHING VERY SOFT
- A TOY SMALLER THAN YOUR HAND
- SOMETHING ROUND
- A BOOK WITH NUMBERS IN IT
- 5 LEGOS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT
- A PHOTO OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE
- AN ITEM YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF IN
- AN ITEM THAT MAKES YOU FEEL COZY
- A TOY THAT HAS 3 DIFFERENT COLORS
- A MOVIE THAT HAS "S" IN THE TITLE
- YOUR SNUGGLIEST STUFFED ANIMAL

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

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# Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- A FLOWER
- A FLAT ROCK
- 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

Ready for snack? Make sure everything gets put back where it belongs!

Description:

The object of the challenge is to collect the above items and place them in bag or a basket. Feel free to write to me or share a picture of your child's challenge. Email me at [pseagrave@uxbridge.k12.ma.us](mailto:pseagrave@uxbridge.k12.ma.us) and if there is a picture I will post it on my taftpe instagram page and share it with the Taft community.

Mrs. Seagrave

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