

TAFT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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TAFT UPDATE - 5/31

As the end of the year approaches, we continue to be very busy at Taft. Teachers are packing up student materials this week for pick up June 9th and June 11th. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Stay healthy!

Principal Bellville

This week at Taft:

- June 9th and June 11th - Student Pick Up Materials
- Field Day - June 12th
- Last day of school - June 17th
- Taft closed for students through June 29th
- Building closed to the public

SENIOR PARADE:

We look forward to celebrating our class of 2020 this Sunday, May 31st (TODAY), beginning at 2 with a parade of the graduates. Today would have been our graduation day. Instead, this is an opportunity for our community to gather and celebrate the Class of 2020 through the streets of Uxbridge.

The parade will follow a route down Granite Street, turning left onto Hartford Ave, and then proceeding down Main Street and ending at the high school. We asked those that join us on the route to maintain social distancing guidelines, wear masks, and not approach moving vehicles. Please hold signs, cheer, and celebrate this class as they prepare for the next phase of their lives!

Town Hall:

In an effort to provide updates around remote learning at Taft and review the pick up of student materials the week of June 8th, I will hold a Parent Town Hall on Monday night, at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom link will be emailed home Monday morning and not posted on our website to avoid it being on a public site and to keep the meeting more secure. The meeting will be password protected.

GRADE 3 Families only - Tour of Whitin:

Please join us for a *Virtual Town Hall Meeting with Whitin Principal Mrs. DeMarco*

Get a chance to learn what it is like to be a Fourth Grader at Whitin!

June 2, 2020 for the students in:

Ms. Buckley, Ms. Lukowski, and Ms. Mannka's Homeroom

June 5, 2020 for the students in:

Ms. Osterhoudt, Ms. Michalewski, and Ms. Scagnelli's Homeroom

Each Town Hall will consist of :

10:00 - 10:30 Students' Welcome to Fourth Grade

10:30 - 11:00 Overview of Grade 4 and Parents' Q+A Session!

The Zoom link for each Town Hall will be sent to families the evening before the event.

We look forward to meeting the rising 4th graders and their families.

ST MATH Message from Patti Sprague, Math Coordinator:

The bad news is that I didn't record a new read-aloud this week. The GREAT news is that a colleague all the way from Australia created a virtual library of math read-alouds for friends PreK - Grade 2! Please check out her many offerings, organized by topic, about [Counting](#) and [Addition & Subtraction](#)!

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

"A growth mindset is when students understand that their abilities can be developed" (Dweck, 2014)

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WHAT IS A GROWTH MINDSET?



The belief that you can learn and get better at things!

The belief that mistakes are okay and are part of the learning process!

The belief that it is important to keep trying and not give up!

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PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*



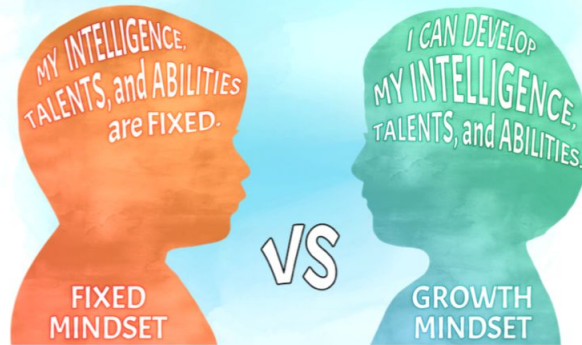
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LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

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BEING SMART
BORN GIFTED
FIXED ABILITIES
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

THE POWER OF "YET" SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT **YET**."
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT **YET**."
"IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

BRAINS can GROW



FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

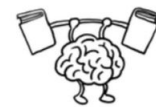
SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

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RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.



ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY THAT WAS HARD TODAY?"

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you and your child learn more about growth mindset:

- [Your Fantastic Elastic Brain](#) by JoAnn Deak
- [Beautiful Oops!](#) by Barney Saltzberg
- [After The Fall](#) by Dat Santat
- [The Dot](#) by Peter H. Reynolds

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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

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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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