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Dear Tenafly Families,

This weekly communication offers information relevant to the district. Thank you for continuing to review all communication shared with you at the school-level. The most current [District Bell Schedules](#) are available on each school's homepage and on the Parents' and Students' Tabs of our district site. Thank you for continuing to be mindful of any separate district or school communications that may notify you of changes to these schedules.

In-School Lunch for Grades K, 1, & Smith Elementary's PAWS K-2 Class

Beginning next Monday, May 3rd, we welcome the final daily schedule shift for the 2020-2021 school year: the introduction of lunch for grades K, 1, and Smith Elementary's PAWS K-2 class. Elementary school principals reached out to families with additional details and information relative to their specific schools earlier this week. Current recommendations support students eating in school at 6ft distances, with proper hygiene practices in place (hand-washing and sanitizing before and after eating). Students in these grades/classes only will bring lunch to school daily and be dismissed at 3:10pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The school year has been unusual and challenging for all of us, and our teachers have been using their creative spirit, multi-tasking skills, and flexibility more than ever. This Monday, May 3rd, begins Teacher Appreciation Week. First, we want to get an early shoutout to each of our educational staff members to say thank you for your continued dedication and perseverance. Second, we invite our families and students to share a photo or short statement about a teacher or two who has made a positive impact on you this school year. We will try to share as many as possible on our social media feeds. Send photos and/or statements to ccorliss@tenafly.k12.nj.us.

COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines and Updates

The [most recent NJ Dept. of Health Guidelines for K-12 schools](#) identifies all areas of the NJ Regional Matrix as Moderate (yellow) in transmission rates. Our current COVID guidelines and our Daily Symptom Tracker reflect this status. This is great news for our schools and our community. For more information on what this status means to you, visit the [COVID-19 Communications page](#) of our website.

As a reminder, all information relative to the most current COVID-19 guidelines implemented in our schools is available on the [TPS COVID Communications](#) section of our website. The website format, including our [District COVID Dashboard](#), provides a detailed view of COVID cases within the district.

COVID Vaccines Available

Appointments for the Moderna Vaccine are available for the upcoming week and walk-ups are now welcome at the [Alternative Care Facility Annex at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center](#) in Paramus. Appointments are available from 10am to 1:30pm, and walk-ins are being accepted. Please bring proof of Bergen County residency, school ID, or employment; identification; and insurance card (if applicable). Visit the [New Bridge Medical Center website](#) for additional information and details.

Summer Enrichment

Registration for the 2021 Summer Enrichment, Review & SAT/ACT Program is now underway. This year, our program will take place in-person at Tenafly High School and is open to Tenafly and non-Tenafly residents. As always, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and will continue to follow NJDOH and NJDOE regulations and guidelines as they pertain to COVID-19. View the complete [course catalog](#) or visit the [Summer Enrichment page](#) on our website.

School-Age Child Care (SACC) - Summer 2021

Summer SACC is back! The School Age Child Care Program (SACC) is a tuition-based, before and after school program sponsored by the Tenafly Board of Education. The summer 2021 program will run from June 28th – August 6th at Tenafly Middle School. Only full-time students - Monday thru Friday - will be accepted with a choice of AM, PM, or combined AM/PM session. Space is limited! Visit <https://www.tenaflyschools.org/Page/17738> for more information and the registration application.

School Performance Reports

The 2019-2020 New Jersey School Performance Reports (SPRs) are available on the [NJ School Performance Reports webpage](#) and from our website's [About Us](#) page. The NJDOE continues to seek public input on ways to improve future reports. Please complete the [School Performance Report feedback survey](#) or email reportcard@doe.nj.gov with feedback and suggestions.

NJSLA Update

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has confirmed that the **New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) Spring 2021 administration is cancelled**. The Start Strong assessments in ELA, math, and science will be administered in fall 2021, and NJDOE will be providing more information and guidance regarding state assessments shortly. IMPORTANT: USED did **not** waive requirements to administer the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and the ACCESS/ Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessments. Therefore, DLM and ACCESS administration will continue with an administration window from April 5 to June 11, 2021.

Your Education Your Voice and the NJDOE

[GovLab](#) at New York University has launched a joint venture with the [New Jersey Department of Education](#), focusing on the problems of and solutions to challenges in our education system. Today, April 30, 2021, is the last day to share your views on the biggest challenges in education in 2021. For more detailed information and to access the survey, visit our [website](#) and click the appropriate link for educator, parent/caregiver, or student.

Support for TPS Families

Tenafly Cares has extended its program until May 26th. In partnership with the NJ Economic Development Authority and Bergen County Economic Development, Tenafly Cares offers hot meals from local restaurants in Bergen County. The meals are available for pick up at the Tenafly Senior Center Parking Lot, 20 S. Summit Street, Tenafly, every Wednesday, between 5-6pm, until **May 26th**. There is no need to share your name; you can pick up meals for each member of your family. Tenafly Public Schools is committed to supporting our families and community during times of need. If your family is in need of assistance, please contact your child's school counselor and/or visit our [website](#) for additional support options, including meal and food services.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns related to your child, please check the school/teacher websites for helpful information. If you cannot find what is needed, please contact your building principal. All school and individual contact information is found on the TPS website. To submit a TPS Help Desk trouble ticket, visit the [Help Desk pages](#) under the For Parents, For Students, or For Staff sections of our website.

Yours in Education,

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