



## Oradell Public School District

*Our children, our hope, our future*

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Dear OPS Community Members,

It's been awhile since I last reached out even though our students and families are never far from my mind. I fully recognize, however, that we all don't need one more thing to read! We are being inundated right now --- free programs, free resources, free author chats. It's a lot. The good news is that the avalanche of information coming our way is the result of many people who care and want to help! For some of you, you love it. You love the options; and, for others, you want to just snuggle with your child --- far, far away from technology! You know what I am going to say . . . you know your child best. Keep doing what feels right!

Here are a few more resources and programs. Some specific to OPS and some more global:

- **EARTH DAY:** Tomorrow is Earth Day! All of our students have been participating in Earth Day activities including creating Padlets, Flipgrids and Slide Shows. Tomorrow, on the front page of the website, there will be a link to our Earth Day projects and activities.
- **SCHOOL COUNSELOR UPDATES:** Our School Counseling office has been busy.
  - Last week, Mrs. Mason posted a new blog post about **grief**. Grief is not just about losing a person. It is also about realizing that you will miss events --- maybe that is your baseball season or your 6th Grade Pool Party. You can find it [here](#) or on the front page of the website.
  - Additionally, there is a new Spring activity going on as we recognize that time outside is one of the positive parts of our staying at home. So, have your child take some pics around your house (inside or out) or while on a walk with your family and post them to the Padlet linked below. (You can be in the picture or not.) Post as many times as you'd like!  
<https://padlet.com/masonr16/1ff4bmmrm8bk>
- **MESSAGE FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS:** If you are a girl in grades K-3, you might be interested in some of the free activities the Girl Scouts of NJ have put out. You can find them [here](#).
- **THE CENSUS:** Then, there is the census. Borough Hall asked that we share this [flyer](#) with you. If you'd like to involve your child in completing your census information, you can start by watching this [BrainPop](#) together. (User name: oradell Password: panther)
- **ONE NEW RESOURCE:** As I stated, there is just so much out there. If you are looking for one website that culls and collates daily activities and events, this one is pretty good:  
<https://wideopenschool.org/>
- **SPECIAL AREAS:** Our students are doing some amazing work in their special areas and those teachers have been showcasing it on their websites. (Remember, the special areas now have their own remote learning site with each week's assignments [here](#).) Some highlights from past weeks include:
  - Houses of Oradell --- Please see the OPS Remote Art Gallery [here](#)
  - Rube Goldberg Inventions and Guinness World Record Attempts --- Visit Mr. Mangol's Blog [here](#)

I continue to be so proud of this community as we grow and evolve in ways we never thought we would have to. Our teachers continue to find ways to engage students in learning through live and recorded lessons and assignments driven by our curriculum. Our PTA continues to find ways to keep us linked together with weekend activities. And I know that our families are working to create as much normalcy as they can for their children.

I am so grateful for each of you as we continue to move forward together.

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