



March 18, 2020

Dear Ridgewood School Community,

I want to thank parents and caregivers for partnering with us to continue educating our students. We fully recognize the heavy lift we are asking of you and appreciate your assistance and input on how we can do things better. In the days and weeks to come, news about the spread of COVID-19 will likely intensify due to increased testing. However, by practicing social distancing and following preventive measures, we can flatten the curve of coronavirus. Our actions now will contribute to our recovery later.

SCHOOL PROPERTY: As a reminder, if you see people congregating on district or Village fields, playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, please contact the police. The non-emergency phone number is 201-652-3900. Please remind your children that closures and social distancing measures are in place to protect everyone, and it is vital that everyone adhere to the restrictions issued. **Going out for a bike ride, walk, or run and meeting up with someone defeats the purpose.**

REMINDER: Please sign up for the Village E-Notice System if you have not yet done so and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

- Sign up for Village E-Notice System - <http://www.ridgewoodnj.net/village-info/enotices-and-alerts-registration>.
- Twitter Accounts - [@RwdPub Schools](#) and [@RWDSupt](#)
- District Facebook Page - [@RidgewoodPublicSchools](#).

The best way to access the Google sites for home instruction (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12) is to visit the district homepage at www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us. If any students in your household are experiencing distress, please reach out as soon as possible. We have implemented alternative means to provide essential student support services so that our students come out of this closure mentally strong.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION: The Annual School Election is Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Given the current circumstances and the uncertainty about the upcoming weeks, we are attaching an application for Vote by Mail Ballot. The deadline to apply for the Vote by Mail Ballot for the Annual School Election is Tuesday, April 14, 2020. For more information and to view detailed Vote by Mail instructions, click [here](#) to visit the Bergen County website.

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION SURVEY: The District Communication Survey is open through March 23. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take a few minutes to do so. Click [here](#) to access the survey.

TODAY'S GAME SUGGESTIONS:

- Old fashioned jigsaw puzzles. There is nothing quite like working as a family on a jigsaw puzzle while eating a crunchy chocolate chip cookie with a beverage of your choice. I hear there is a company that can get you your puzzle the next day.



Other things you can do (not my original ideas):

- Keep moving! It's sunny today with some rain on the way. Get outside.
- How about some classic movies? *The Sound of Music* (explain the historical context), *Lawrence of Arabia* (with an intermission for dinner), or *The Wizard of OZ*
- No baked goods today. Make fresh fruit salad. Using a knife is a skill that only a parent can teach.
- Closets cleaned? Everything drawer organized? Time to tackle the garage. Feel free to send pictures. We would be happy to tweet how productive our families have been.
- Remember the Ridgewood Public Library has online resources.
- Keep making phone calls and connecting with friends and family.

Over the years, the Ridgewood businesses have generously supported all of our RPS parents and students. It is now our turn to support them as much as possible. They need our help now and will need it during the economic recovery!

Be well!

Sincerely,



Daniel Fishbein, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

SPECIAL STATUS

Check if you are:
 Active Duty Military Voter
 Overseas Voter
 None of the Above

I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for the: (CHECK ONLY ONE)

General (November) Primary Municipal School* Fire
 Special _____ To be held on ____/____/____
Specify Date

* By applying for the April Annual School Election, you will receive a Mail-In Ballot for all Special School Elections until the next Annual School Election.

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Last Name (Type or Print) _____ First Name (Type or Print) _____ Middle Name or Initial _____ Suffix (Jr., Sr., III) _____

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Address at which you are registered to vote

Street Address or RD# _____ Apt. _____

Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail my ballot to the following address: Same Address as Section 3

Please include any _____
 PO Box, RD#, _____
 State/Province, _____
 Zip/Postal Code _____
 & Country _____
 (if outside US) _____

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Date of Birth ____/____/____

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Day Time Phone Number () _____

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E-Mail Address (Optional) _____

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Signature _____ Please sign your name as it appears in the Poll Book.

X

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Today's Date ____/____/____

OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 THROUGH 12 IF APPLICABLE

Voter Options to Automatically Receive Ballots in Future Elections

You may choose either option, both options, or none of the options. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CHOOSE AN OPTION. If you do not choose any option, you will only be sent the ballot for the election you chose in Section 1.

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* A I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all elections to be held during the REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

* B I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot in ALL FUTURE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise.

* Please Note: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application; if your address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.

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Assistor

Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section.

Name of Assistor (Type or Print) _____ Signature of Assistor _____ Date ____/____/____

Address _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Authorized Messenger


Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than TEN qualified voters per election.

I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger.

Print Name of Authorized Messenger

Address of Messenger _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Signature of Voter _____ Date ____/____/____

 Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee.

"I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law."

Signature of Messenger _____ Date ____/____/____

X

OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Reg # _____

Muni Code # _____ Party _____

Ward _____ District _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out application.
- Print and sign your name where indicated.
- Mail or Deliver application to the County Clerk.

DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL

Unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter

VOTING INFORMATION

1. You must be a registered voter in order to apply for a Mail-In Ballot.
2. Once you apply for a Mail-In Ballot, you will not be permitted to vote by machine at your polling place in the same election.
3. You will receive instructions with your ballot.
4. Your Mail-In Ballot must be received by the County Board of Election before close of polls on Election Day.
5. Do not submit more than one application for the same election.
6. You must apply for a Mail-In Ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under "Voter Options."

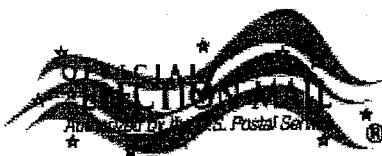
PLEASE NOTE

A voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. He or she may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3 P.M. the day before the election.

Note also that voters have an option of indicating on an application for a Mail-In Ballot that they would prefer to receive a ballot for each election that takes place during the remainder of the calendar year.

Voters also now have an option of automatically receiving a Mail-In Ballot for each General Election. If such voter no longer wants this option, the County Clerk's office must be notified in writing.

PLACE
POSTAGE
HERE
BEFORE
MAILING



APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

HON. JOHN S. HOGAN
BERGEN COUNTY CLERK
ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA ROOM 130
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

APPLICATION
FOR
VOTE BY
MAIL BALLOT

VOTE



JOHN S. HOGAN
BERGEN COUNTY CLERK

Please Seal with Tape and Return

WARNING

This application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person or via an authorized messenger during County Clerk's office hours, but no later than 3 P.M. the day prior to the election.

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code