



## **Leverett Elementary School**

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Dear LES Families,

It is so nice to see the sunshine today! I hope everyone gets a chance to step outside and enjoy the fresh air and our beautiful surroundings.

I have several important announcements including changes to the school calendar, cancellation of MCAS, and some additional resources available in our community.

### **School Calendar (2019-2020)**

Last night the Leverett School Committee voted to cancel April vacation and the May 22nd Curriculum Day. Please know that all comments sent to the School Committee were considered. Ultimately, it was the priority of sustaining the remote learning efforts that have been underway these past few weeks and its potential benefit to students.

Monday, April 20	Patriots Day will be observed. (No School)
April 21, 22, 23, 14	School Days
May 22	School Day
June 15	Last Day of School

### **MCAS**

The state of Massachusetts has cancelled all MCAS tests for the 2019-2020 school year. One reason this decision could not have been made earlier is that school districts receive federal funding based on participating in annual state assessments. There were a number of legal hurdles that needed to be addressed prior to the cancellation.

### **Internet Access & Comcast Hot Spots**

Leverett Public Library WIFI is available through the Town of Leverett

- Available 24/7 within the library parking lot
- Not password-protected

Senator Jo Comerford's office is investigating access and connectivity for Franklin County residents. Comcast has released access to hotspots, and people can search by zip code at <https://wifi.xfinity.com/>

### **Leverett CO-OP**

The Leverett Co-op is OPEN and is stocked with staples, milk, and dairy products. The new Co-op hours are daily 8am to 6pm daily. Pizza is still available for take out only on Friday nights from 5pm to 7pm. The Co-op is instituting a rigorous cleaning protocol and has taken measures to ensure social distancing.

A couple of reminders, we have still have **devices** available to loan families to support remote learning. Please be in contact with Kate Rice at [rice@leverettschool.org](mailto:rice@leverettschool.org). **Free meals** are available for all children: Grab & Go Breakfast and Lunch, served daily M-F (10:30am-1:10pm). For details and locations, see the school website and/or attached flyer.

I want to thank everyone for their **patience** as we have embarked on the use of Google Meets for providing students an ability to connect with teachers and classmates. Schools everywhere are experiencing some of the glitches we have. Google is working with IT folks to address these issues. As you might imagine, no one anticipated Google Meets being used as a remote learning platform.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns.

Have a nice afternoon!

Rhonda