

March 19, 2020

Dear JSE Students and Families,

We are missing all of you during this unusual and unprecedented time of school closure. We trust that you are all taking precautions to stay safe and healthy at this time. As school administrators, we continue to await further guidance from the Governor and the Department of Education as far as returning to school or providing remote learning opportunities for students. At this point we are “on hold”, and waiting for further information.

Although there are no expectations for completing assignments or doing specific at-home schoolwork, we know that you, as families, are looking for enriching and valuable experiences for your children. Please continue to check our Jersey Shore Elementary webpage for updated resources and at-home opportunities at <https://www.jsasd.org/our-district/jersey-shore-elementary-school/>. These will be optional and not required.

One family learning opportunity we would like to continue is our One School One Book initiative. I hope most of you have your Humphrey books at home and you have continued to read and follow the schedule on your bookmark. If not, you can start again right now! Today, we are reading chapter nine. I will be posting some questions from each chapter of [Mysteries According to Humphrey](#) on the webpage. If we were in school right now, I would be reading these over the morning announcements. Since Humphrey can't be with all of you right now, he has created his own email account. You can send the answers to the questions to Humphrey's email address, ask Humphrey questions, or just type him an email about what you've been doing while you're at home. Humphrey's email address is humphreyatjse@gmail.com. Again, this is completely optional. Please check our webpage for updates and read aloud videos.

In other news, JSASD continues to provide free meals to ANY child 18 or under. You can walk up or drive up in the car loop in front of JSE, and staff members will provide you with a bag lunch/breakfast for each child. Children must be present to receive a meal. Meals are available at JSE from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If your child is signed up to receive a weekend food backpack every Friday, you can pick their backpack up tomorrow from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Jersey Shore Elementary. If you are not able to make it to the school or you live too far away, please email me at ajohnston@jsasd.org, and we will do our best to make arrangements to have the backpack delivered to you.

If you or your family need assistance in any way during this school closure, please email me at any time at ajohnston@jsasd.org, and I will do my best to connect you with the resources you need.

We miss you all and hope to be back in school as usual as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or needs. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Thank you for being such an amazing school community even during difficult times!

Sincerely,

Adrienne J. Johnston, Principal

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