## Beecher Road School

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Dear BRS Families,

I hope that your first day of distance learning was a success! We really appreciate your partnership, patience and support as we launch our new model for teaching and learning. Please see below for some important information:

<u>Distance Learning Video:</u> You can find a video from Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Sherman on our district website here: <a href="https://www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us/teaching-and-learning/distancelearning">https://www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us/teaching-and-learning/distancelearning</a> We hope you take a minute to share it with your child! Stay tuned for more videos and read alouds from Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Sherman!

<u>Attendance</u>: If your child is sick and will not be engaging with distance learning on a given day, please call the attendance line at 203-389-2195. This will allow us to track illnesses and attendance per our usual practice.

<u>School Calendar</u>: At a Special Board of Education meeting last Thursday night, the Board concurred with Mr. Gilbert's recommendation that Beecher Road School would follow the current Board approved school calendar. This includes the April vacation (April 13-17) and maintains Monday June 15 as the last day of school. This is consistent with many districts throughout the state including Amity Region 5 as well as the Bethany School District. The Board did recognize that other developments or circumstances with the impact of COVID-19 could be a reason to revisit the calendar at any point.

<u>Distance Learning Bus and Car Parade:</u> On Thursday April 2, beginning at 9:00 am, teachers and bus drivers will be driving through town to wave to all of our students in celebration of our first week of distance learning! We will depart from Beecher Road School at 9:00 am. Some teachers and staff members will be on buses and others will be in cars. We will be following the bus routes, so not every staff member will see every child. We hope to see you as we drive past!

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