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Happy and Healthy Spring Break

Dear Member of the Blind Brook Community,

Spring is upon us! Despite the wild swings in weather that we have had lately, we have actually made it to springtime and are heading into our Spring Break next week. As we head into our last long break before the end of the year, I wanted to share a few thoughts about health and safety.

The first has to do with COVID. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a small gradual increase in COVID cases. With families taking part in various celebrations and travelling to various locations, the possibility of exposure to COVID increases. This week we have distributed rapid test kits to all students and staff. I would ask that parents test their children and employees test themselves the weekend before we return to help prevent any possible spreading of COVID in schools. We have been successful in keeping our COVID cases low. I would like to continue that trend but need your help to do it.

This week there were two valuable evening presentations relating to student health. The first was the Escape the Vape event that was held on Wednesday night and was sponsored by the Community Coalition. The parents who attended received firsthand information about the dangers in drug use as well as some information that could be shared with their children. The second was a presentation that was given by Westchester County Assistant District Attorney Laura Forbes on internet safety. ADA Forbes met with fifth grade students during the day and parents at night to share tips for safe internet use for children. We have more sessions like this planned so I hope that you will be able to join us!

Finally, I hope that you all are taking some time away from the stresses of life to relax and enjoy time with friends and family. The hectic pace of life often causes us to put ourselves and our loved ones in the back seat. This is a great time to dedicate time to being with those that we care about and taking care of ourselves.

As a side note, I want to give a quick thank you to everyone who has sent congratulations on my recent appointment as Superintendent of Schools. As I said at the Board meeting, I do feel truly honored to be part of the Blind Brook community and will always work to do what is best for our students.

To those who are celebrating I wish you a Happy Ramadan, Happy Passover and Happy Easter! Have a happy and healthy Spring Break!

Sincerely,

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