

# RBS DIGITAL DISTANCE LEARNING

DIGITAL CHALK TALK NO. 3

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

March 29, 2020

**Special Note:** NJ Governor Phil Murphy recently reaffirmed his declaration that all public and private NJ schools will stay closed indefinitely. This decision will be “reassessed” on Friday, April 17, and the school closure order will either be extended or a re-open date for schools may be shared at that time.

Dear Rock Brook Families,

Welcome to the 3rd issue of Digital Chalk Talk! As I’m sure you have discovered (or maybe even been overwhelmed with) by now, the volume of educational content out there via our Google Classroom, shared websites and apps, YouTube, and television seems infinite. However, as we have said before, “Our goal is to provide a wide range of activities and assignments that will keep students engaged in the learning process ... However, we hold no expectation that every single thing that is posted in a child’s Google Classroom can be completed during a *home-school* day.”

Please know that schools across New Jersey, and the nation, are feeling the pressure to provide remote learning so that students will continue to learn during the COVID-19 pandemic. County, state and federal departments of education are demanding that schools provide home instruction that would, to the extent possible, be similar to what students would receive if schools were still open, and so we are. Our teachers and therapists will continue to provide assignments and be present during scheduled Google Meet sessions. However, your needs as a family come first, so feel free to speak directly with our staff if you and your family are having difficulty keeping up or managing all of your work and family obligations as you remain at home.

Moving forward, our Digital Chalk Talks will feature ideas, advice and resources from our school counselor. Please see the **Counselor’s Corner** below and don’t hesitate in reaching out to Miss Jessica if needed. Also, we are looking for your direct feedback as we confront these challenging times and ask that you complete the following survey for us sometime this week.

Your feedback will be helpful as we move forward with our DDLP. Please click the link below to complete the survey:

[RBS DDLP Family Survey](#)

Thank you for your input!

***Glenn Famous***

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER...

Hello Rock Brook!

Challenging times indeed, so don't forget to take time for yourself as you balance work and family obligations. I have posted some great resources below. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at [jessica.gosses@rock-brook.org](mailto:jessica.gosses@rock-brook.org) if you have questions or need support. You don't have to do it alone!

***Miss Jessica***

[Self-Care in the Time of Coronavirus](#)

[How to Talk to Your Kids About COVID-19](#)

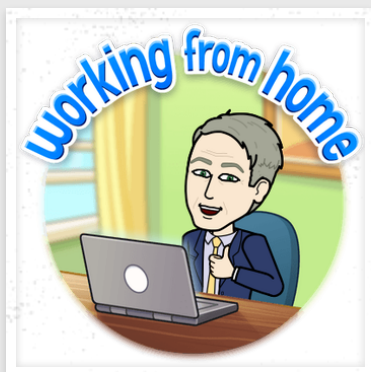
[Anxiety and Coping With the Coronavirus](#)

[How Mindfulness Can Help During COVID-19](#)

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