



# Chariho Regional School District

November 2020  
E-Update



On October 23, Governor Raimondo and Rhode Island Commerce announced recipients of the second round of awards for Take It Outside grants. The Chariho Regional School District was awarded, \$55,000 to enable our schools to purchase outdoor wifi access points and create outdoor learning experiences via mobile outdoor classroom kits to conduct lessons and activities outdoors.

## News Worth Knowing...



Overall, the school year is going well, and our children have been doing an excellent job. We continue to reflect on the protocols and procedures we have put in place and make adjustments as needed to ensure that our schools remain a safe place for learning to occur. This school year is and will continue to be a year like no other, and the need to remain flexible and patient will be extremely important.

RIDE's Back 2 School Rhode Island website is accessed [HERE](#).

COVID-19 Outbreak Response Protocols: PreK-12 Playbook is located [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access RI Department of Health's After Illness return attestation form for students and staff.

Our 2020-2021 School Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Check out the third issue of "We Are Chariho", a newsletter aimed at celebrating Chariho's past, present, and future. The current issue and archives can be found [HERE](#).

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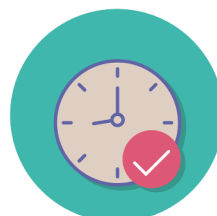


We have worked very hard to be as accommodating to family requests as possible. Our teachers are working tirelessly to plan and manage students who are absent due to COVID-like symptoms and/or involved in quarantine. As a reminder, a family cannot choose to keep their child/children home because it is convenient - attendance is still important, and those absences are unexcused. Family vacations are still considered unexcused absences. Distance learning on non-COVID-related days should not be viewed as a viable option for families. Please understand that this puts **unnecessary stress** on classroom teachers - and we need to support them as well.

Please note that our [Student Attendance Policy- COVID 19](#) states, "Students who have traveled to a hotspot or internationally per RI guidance must quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school even if they received a negative COVID test. Symptoms can arise throughout the 14 days and it is our goal to keep everyone safe. The students in quarantine will participate in distance learning and be marked present if they are well enough to do so. [Click here](#) to see states on the RI list with a positivity rate of COVID-19 greater than 5%.

### DAILY SELF-CHECK TIP

**Parents and Guardians:** As a reminder you must use the parent account for the self check. [Click Here for more details.](#) We suggest copying this link and adding it to the calendar on your phone as a daily recurring event. As a reminder, all in-person learners must have a **daily check** completed **every day** prior to leaving the house. Any student who participates in athletics, extracurricular activities, or receives services at school will also need the daily self-check completed.



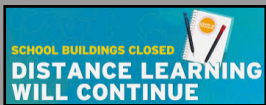
# More News Worth Knowing...

## TRANSPORTATION OPT OUT FORM

We are finalizing our plans for Quarter 2/3 for Middle School, CALA and CHS/CTC and Trimester 2 for all elementary schools. Our transportation is very tight based on the required bus guidelines from RIDOH. Therefore, we are asking our families to drive your child/children to school if you can. We would greatly appreciate anyone who can opt-out of transportation to do so, so we may prioritize families who are unable to provide transportation. [Click here](#) to opt out of transportation.

## CRITICAL COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

To schedule a COVID-19 test, call the K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at 844-857-1814, seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Testing sites for K-12 only can be found [here](#). More information on COVID-19 testing can be found [here](#). Please note if you go for a test you should remain home until the results are returned.



## RI BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION ALERT MESSAGING PROGRAM



The best way to be informed about school closings, delays, and early dismissals is through the RIBA Alert Messaging Program. Click on the link below to sign up to get ALERTS to your cell phone and receive immediate notification when there is a cancellation, delay or emergency message relating to your child's school. RI Broadcasters Association: [Click Here to sign up](#).



### **We're hiring substitute teachers, TAs, and custodians!!**

Substitute Teacher/Certified Staff at \$140 a day  
Substitute Teacher Assistant subs at \$15/hour  
Substitute custodians at \$14/hour!  
Join our team. Help us spread the word. Learn more [HERE](#).



## Important November Dates!

### **Tuesday, November 3rd**

No School for students -Certified Staff PD day

### **Wednesday, November 4th**

Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, November 10th**

Regular Chariho Regional School Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, November 11th**

No School, District Offices Closed

### **Monday, November 16th**

State PD Day for Staff, Distance Learning for students

### **Tuesday, November 24th**

Regular Chariho Regional School Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, November 25th-Friday, November 27th**

No School, District Offices Closed



## Congratulations!



### **CTC Hospitality Grade 11 students**

Anya Betts, Miakoda Elefante, Althea Grandchamp, Lauren Hubertus, Vera Judkins, Molly Juenger, Lia Kelvington, Isabella Santos, Mia Wilcox and Gabriella Wolfe for passing the Hospitality, Tourism Management Certification with Honors.

### **High School Boys' Lacrosse Head Coach Ryan Meade**

was named RIIL Coach of the Year for the '19-'20 school year

### **Charlestown Elementary School**

earned a National Blue Ribbon Award

### **High School Girls' Soccer Team**

named Showcase Cinemas High School Team of the Week

### **"LifeChanger of the Year" award nominees**

Hope Valley Preschool Special Educator Jeanine Healy Mankoff, Hope Valley Kindergarten Teacher Tricia Abbott, and Charlestown Elementary Grade 2 Teacher Emily Iredale

### **Richmond School Committee Representative Clay Johnson**

for his service to the Chariho community