Much has changed since the March Newsletter was sent out. We now readjust on a daily basis and continually adapt. Instead of planning events and ways to physically come together, now we stagger work schedules and grocery shopping to remain 6 feet apart. The Chariho school community has come through in every aspect. In one week, our administrators and teachers "retooled" to provide Distance/Virtual Learning for their students. Our families and students quickly adjusted and engaged in learning right from the first day. Student attendance has been outstanding, between 98% and 99% every day! Chartwells provided 155 breakfasts and lunches on 3/31, our highest amount yet. Also, we have loaned over 300 chromebooks to PreK-4 parents.

Distance/Virtual Instruction will continue through April 30, 2020. Our April School Calendar has changed. There will be NO Distance/Virtual Instruction on April 3, 9, 10, and 17 for students. However, these days will count as part of the 180 day school year. The Groundbreaking Event for the Maddie Potts Field House is being postponed. Find updated information here.

Parent and Teacher Surveys were sent out last Friday and we are working to review your feedback and will share improvements by the end of this week. Initial highlights: Over 95% of our Elementary parents report they have been able to effectively communicate with our teachers, and an average of 85% of secondary parents provide an overall rating of virtual learning a "4" or "5" on a scale of 1-5. Any child who is experiencing significant anxiety or excessive anger during these challenging times need our support. In addition to our Mental Health staff, Kids' LinkRI has established a 24-hour social-emotional-mental health hotline for families in crisis: 1-855-543-5465. More information can be found by accessing the following link: https://www.lifespan.org/centers-services/kids-link-ri

Thank you to the Chariho community for working together for....ALL KIDS...ALL of the TIME!
More News Worth Knowing...

The Governor announced the **April Reading Challenge**, asking all children to read every day for the entire month of April. Resources will be available on the RIDE website, including a place for families to complete a reading log and to upload pictures and videos that may be used to publicize and highlight the progress of all RI students. ([https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/AprilReadingChallenge.aspx](https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/AprilReadingChallenge.aspx))

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step students must take to get free grants, and scholarships; help is available from a school counselor.

On a student's 18th birthday, all of the rights of the parent are automatically transferred to the student, including the right to deny parental access to school records. This upsets many parents and guardians, who may provide the High School principal with redacted income tax returns showing the student as a dependent. This will prevent the automatic transfer of these legal rights to the student.

**Congratulations!**

**9th Annual Pro Start Competition**  
Hotel Management 1st Place: Isabela Segura, Meghan Reilly, Nicole Carnevale  
Hotel Management 2nd Place: Madison Berlam, Jenna Nadolny, Alyssa Scuncio

**Alexandra Buckley**  
Winner of the ARTESSY Logo Contest

**Laura Donnelly**  
Participated in RI State 15th Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition

**Emily Myers**  
RI's top Middle Level Youth Volunteer in the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

**Dan Nimiroski**  
Winning the 3,000 in the Boys' Indoor Track Junior  
Varsity State Championship.

**Bella Santos**  
Qualified for N.E. Championships at Midge Palmer Individual Gymnastics

**High School Girls' Indoor Track Team**  
Winners of the Dwyer Division Championship with a regular season dual meet record of 10-0. Abigail Cole (All-Division 3,000m, 1,500m, the 1,000m and All-Class 3000m); Alison Klein, Althea Grandchamp, Anna Lacroix (All-Division 1500m Run); Bella Couri, Brooke Kanaczet (All-Division 600m Run), Caitlynn Allenson (All-Division 4x800 Relay), Cali Conkin, Carlie Bentley, Chelsea Flynn, Chelsea Lopes, Dalmina Martins DeMelo, Emily Stevens (All-Division 4x800 Relay), Emma Hughes, Jillian Tierney, Julia Fortune, Margaret Weeden (All-State High Jump, All-Division High Jump; Qualified for New England Championships), Maria Mykhaylyshyn, Maya Weathers, Meghan Reilly, Paige Grissom, Rebekah Sullivan (4x800 Relay), Samantha Snyder, Stacia Del Bonis (Coaches Award - Leadership; Dedication), Talia Sauro, Tianna Sardelli (All-Division 600m Run), Anna Golas (4x800 Relay)

**2020 Write RI Competition**  
Winner of Short Fiction - Andrew Ackroyd  
(4 years in a row)  
Notable Mention - Emma Wilusz

**Chariho Athletic Boosters Hall of Fame Inductees**  
Todd Grimes (Class of 1986); Innocent Jacob (Class of 2011); Ian La Plume (Class of 2011); Kelsea Loffredo (Class of 2011); Gaelen Oliver (Class of 2011) and Krista Trenholm (Class of 2011).

**Important April Dates!**

- **April 3 and 17**  
  Professional Development Days

- **April 9 - 10**  
  No School

- **April 14**  
  End of Third Quarter

**Thank you!**

**Madison Berlam, Meagan Butler, and Human Resources Administrator**  
**Kristen Merritt**  
**Planning of Artesy**

**Westerly Community Credit Union**  
$2,438.40 donation of proceeds from the Credit Union's Annual Holiday Tournament to the Chariho Sports Boosters, with 20% of this allocated to both the High School Boys' Basketball Team and the High School Girls' Basketball Team.