

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we continue our work together to navigate the ongoing state-mandated closure, I wanted to take this opportunity, at the end of our 7th week, to let you know how much the Special Services Department appreciates all the hard work you are doing at home. We know that there are many challenges that you face in supporting the home instruction of your child including dealing with the continued isolation and/or in coordinating your own work from home. We are taking some of the opportunities presented to us during a remote learning environment to provide additional training and support to our paraprofessionals, build our own skill set with regard to technology resources and navigate new or refined ways to support parents at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you hear about something that might be a potential tool to add to our toolkit.

We will soon be receiving some of the warmer weather that the month of May will surely bring to our beautiful state of New Jersey and we hope that you will have more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and find activities that allow you and your family to walk away from technology and your "school at home."

Don't forget to check out the resources that have been posted on our Special Services website (<https://www.bhpsnj.org/Page/10781>) in order to provide additional ideas and information to you.

We hope that you have a relaxing long weekend, and we will "see" you when we return on Monday.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Director of Special Services

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