

As a parent of three Guilderland students in the district (5th/Pinebush ES, 8th/FMS, and 11th/GHS), I thank all of the staff for teaching virtually, supporting my kids emotionally, and reaching for the stars. My daughters feel physically safe overall, but emotionally they needed a connection with school and the life that they have known. Your schedules, assignments, virtual classes/meets, predictability and emotional support gives kids motivation and goals. All three of my daughters are needing those elements in their lives. Our entire family is grateful. As we press on indefinitely, we wish each of you and your families good health, kindness, and optimism. Thank you! You ARE making a big difference! We look forward to seeing you again!

When we moved to Guilderland many years ago and before children, it was because of the reputation of the school system. We wanted our children to have a top-notch education, which would set them up for college.

Our daughter is a graduating senior, who loves her school, friends, teachers and counselors. She's gone through tough times, but has grown from the experiences and all the support that she has received. And now, she is encountering one final hardship - the inability to be close to and to spend final moments with all the people that she cares so much for. It is our hope that she will have this opportunity before her senior year is over.

But as her parents, we want to thank all of you for providing her with both a top-notch education, but also with an experience that she will treasure forever. Thank you and stay safe!

I would also like to say thank you to those staying at home. Teachers and staff are also trying very hard to help us learn from home and help us stay as safe as possible, so I truly appreciate that. Even though it is hard not seeing each other, it is making a huge difference at a time like this. I hope to see everyone soon and thank you to all who are making their best efforts to help us and support us through this.

I want to thank Teachers with families of their own who are doing double duty of working with their students to keep them moving forward but also working with families and their own children to do the same. The sacrifices you all are making is exceptional, so thank you. We hope to be able to start resuming some type of normalcy soon but I hope we will not forget you all and the things you are doing now to keep our lives moving.

I realized that thankfulness and gratitude is important. Everyday I am truly thankful for what my family and also others have given to me. I wake up to a wonderful home and wonderful resources including food, assistance, and people. Even in these difficult times of isolation it's important to express gratitude on what we have right now instead of what we could have had. So, take some time to thank everyone that has made this hard time for you better. This can include teachers, friends, family, and so much more! Gratitude is the right attitude ♥.

Thank you for everything you are doing! It means a lot to me that we are able to work through this together as a team. Thank you to my teachers who are working so hard to connect with us and to teach us from so far away. Thank you to my friends who talk with me and check in with me. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering and stepping up during

<p>this time. It means a lot to see the community come together during these times.</p>
<p>Words are not enough to express the gratitude I feel toward the District and more so toward the principal and teachers of Farnsworth. You treat my child as if she was the only one in your class by personalizing your messages, calling and emailing us. We are all affected by the growing pandemic and being a front line worker its is difficult to home school, but your immeasurable concern and guidance will be forever cherished.</p>
<p>My admiration for teachers grows each and every day!! Thank you all so much for your hard work!!</p>
<p>The teachers are really helpful and I appreciate all the effort they're putting into distance learning.</p>
<p>thank you to all the teachers who have been there for me during this crazy time. I really appreciate it.</p>
<p>I'm so grateful for the incredible teachers my kids have had and the friends we've all made at Pine Bush!</p>
<p>I would like to thank all the teachers for taking the time to create new ways of learning and for taking the time to become better with technology.</p>
<p>Thank you to all of the teachers for being so understanding and for making our workloads so much easier. Thank you for continuing to listen to your students and for supporting us.</p>
<p>I am grateful for my students - who prove every day we can do hard this. I am grateful for my team, co-teachers, and amazing colleagues for their support and work as ambassadors of hope.</p>
<p>I am proud of how the teachers and administrators have jumped in and kept our students learning and connected to school and the school community. They have adapted and done an amazing job!</p>
<p>Thank you to the most amazing teachers and dedication to helping my child not only continue to learn but to stay connected emotionally with teachers. You are all such a big part of our life!!!!</p>
<p>I am generally not a very happy person. I have depression and on occasion, SI as well. However, being with my peers helps me find happiness in my life. Certain teachers help me with this as well.</p>
<p>Thank all teachers and school staff for your dedication and hard work during this tough period. What you have done is essential for our children who can then engage in education. Greatly appreciated!</p>
<p>I am grateful for my family. Also, I am grateful for the teachers who are trying their best to help us as much as they can throughout this time of uncertainty. I am grateful that I have a place to live.</p>
<p>I am so grateful for the teachers and their motivation to keep teaching us, as if we were in school. They try to make learning from home interesting and always check in on us to make</p>

sure we are doing ok. :)

I wanted to express my gratitude towards all teachers. They are constantly pioneering through uncharted territory to make sure we are continuing to receive our education, while still checking in to show that they genuinely care.

Thank you for everyone that has been done to stop this bad time. Thank you for the teachers who are teaching online from the safety of anyone's home. it has been a hard time but let's keep on learning and helping so we can save the world.

I am thankful for those who are helping me through this difficult time in the Guilderland Community. Thank you to my teachers who have been very outgoing and accommodating with unusual circumstances, and all of the GHS staff who have been there!

Thank you to all the teachers and staff for helping us keep as connected as possible. I appreciate all their hard work learning and teaching new technology platforms on top of teaching new content in new ways. We're all in this together! Thank you!

I am thankful for such a supportive and caring school district, especially the teachers and administrators at PBES. It's not easy doing distance learning with a child with special needs and all the staff have been so understanding and helpful. I am truly grateful.

thank you to all the teachers and staff for all their help understanding our different and difficult situations for each student. they have been amazing by still giving us our education during this time. please everyone stay safe and healthy! thank you for taking your time to help us learn!

We have learned that the walls of a building do not define the community at GES. They reach far beyond. By the teachers' Herculean efforts, GES lives in our homes, through the morning meetings, announcements, and live lessons. No one asked for this challenge, but so many stepped up to it and more.

I'm thankful for the teachers going the extra mile making sure we are okay. I'm also grateful for their dedication because although it is a tough time for students, it's also a very tough time for teachers. Many teachers have very organized plans and assignments that obviously take a long time to create.

Thank you to Dr. Bini and all the amazing 1st grade teachers for setting up such a phenomenal online learning platform. Your daily announcements, videos and lessons have helped us continue to feel like a part of the school community during this very unique time and my daughter is continuing to learn so much! Thank you!!

Thank you for all the people who are trying to keep us safe during this hard time. Thank you to all the parents for taking care of us and dealing with us at home. And thank you to all the teachers who have to switch their ways of teacher and have to change pretty much everything in order to still teach us things we need.

I am also very thankful that my teachers are working hard so that me and my classmates can learn as much as we can. And finally, I am thankful for the great leaders in this great country that have worked hard to help put a stop to this.

I am extremely grateful for the Guilderland school district and all of the wonderful volunteers that are proving nourishing meals for all of the children during this difficult time. I am out of work due to Covid - so money is tight right now and the meals are lifting some of the weight off of my shoulders!

I appreciate all the hard work by so many people that goes into keeping our school functioning. They work despite difficulties in their own lives that I can't appreciate, and of which I may not even be aware. Our lives are more intertwined than I often appreciate and understand, even though I am better off as a result of the connections.

I am so beyond grateful to be healthy and safe. I never thought that we would all have to endure anything like this in our lifetime, but it only shows how strong a community we are to be remaining positive and open-minded about our given situation. I am grateful to be spending long-overdue time with my family and catching up on rest during this period. Hope that Guilderland Central Schools will be up and running very soon!

You can do it, we all can. I hope that whoever gets this message can be healthy and well after the Coronavirus ends. From a 6th Grader at Farnsworth Middle School, I say thank you.

I have gratitude for my family, friends, food, and a home, even through these tough times.

I give gratitude to my loving parents
I give gratitude to the food I eat
I give gratitude to the roof over my head
I give gratitude to my great friends
I give gratitude to doctors

I'm glad that despite some of the shortcomings of our district, we still work hard to get food to the families that require it at a time when we don't know when things can return to something moderately normal.

I am very thankful that I have a supportive family, that I have plenty of food and cloth, that I can read books whenever I would like, I can manage my own time, I can be who I am and love the others who love me back, I am very thankful and appreciative.

I am grateful for the food in my home and the ability to leave the house if we NEEDED to. I know that other families across the world are struggling for food and I know of some family members in another country that don't have enough food and cannot leave the house to get more.

Thank you for risking your own health to make sure my and other families have food they need!

I am grateful for my friends and family during this difficult time. They keep me grounded.

I express gratitude to every breath my lungs take, every morning that birds chirp, and for every night I go to bed knowing that my family and friends are doing well. I express gratitude to the present moment, for being here, at this time and for being now. I express gratitude to this pandemic, for making the stars shine in the darkness, and opening my eyes. I express gratitude to life for giving me an opportunity to experience something like this. I express

gratitude for everyone and everything in my life that makes it special. I express gratitude to everyone that is fighting this in the best they can, and to the ones that are showing us that not every hero wears a cape.

I am glad we can be home with our family. And we get to spend more time with them than ever.

I feel gratitude to have a safe and healthy family and the means and ability to help my child continue his education while at home.

I am grateful for a District that continues to pay me in this time of turmoil. I am grateful that my family is safe and healthy.

I'm just happy that God has allowed me to stay healthy through this time and has allowed me to stay with family and appreciate the family I do have healthy and well.

I'm grateful for having such a huge, chaotic family because it really diverts my mind from what's happening in the world today and it helps with the social aspect of this problem.

I am so appreciative that my family is healthy and safe. I am appreciative that I live in a community that has so many people who are willing to help those most vulnerable right now. I am appreciative that my students continue to share their thinking and experiences with me.

I am grateful to have technology because I know that there are many children who are being deprived of an education right now because of this pandemic due to insufficient electricity and the lack of technological availability to begin remote learning.