



# THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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April 21, 2020

Thompson Families,

Welcome back to Thompson Distance Learning! I do hope you and your family had some time to relax during the vacation week. Hopefully by now, all students in Thompson have a computer to complete their work and have secured internet access. If you are still without a computer or internet access, please contact your child's Principal. We are here to help.

Below are some additional resources that may be of interest:

- Free *Peace at Home* parenting classes are being provided by the Northeast Early Childhood Council on a variety of topics that include: COVID-19, Birth to 5, School Age Children, and more. Please review the attached flyer for information to register for the free classes. I encourage parents to take advantage of this free offering.
- A list of food resource sites provided in Windham County is attached. Please feel free to reach out to the agencies if you and your family are in need of food for family meals.
- Thompson Public Schools continues to provide meal service at the four distribution sites. As a reminder, Jill St. Cyr and the donors of "It Starts at Home" program will be sponsoring a weekend meal once again this Friday, April 24, 2020. The menu for this week is American Chop Suey, Corn Bread, and Cookies.
- As a reminder, I have attached information regarding the 2020 Census. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding for schools. Please consider completing the census.
- The members of the Board of Finance will discuss the Board of Education's 20/21 budget on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm. You can access the link to attend the ZOOM online meeting on the Town of Thompson's website under meeting agendas.

Please stay safe and reach out to your child's teacher or principal, if you have any concerns about the Distance Learning Program or any other issue that we may connect you to needed resources.

Sincerely,

*Melinda A. Smith*

Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools

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# Food Resources in Windham County

## Food Resources that are available to all towns

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Community Soup Kitchen Woodstock Congregational Church	543 Route 169 Woodstock		Mondays 11:30 am	Takeout only during the pandemic
Community Soup Kitchen Living Faith Methodist Church	53 Grove Street Putnam		Tuesdays 11:30 am	Closed during the pandemic
Community Soup Kitchen Danielson Methodist Church	9 Spring Street Danielson		Wednesdays 12 pm	Takeout only during the pandemic
Mobile Food Pantry-for veterans Riverview Farmer's Market	18 Kennedy Drive Putnam		First Thursday of the Month 11 am - 12 pm	Veterans
Community Soup Kitchen United Methodist Church	11 South Main Street, Moosup		Fridays 11:30 am	Take-out only during the pandemic

## Food Resources: Serving town of location & neighboring communities

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
ACCESS Agency	231 Broad Street Danielson	860 412-1600	Mon- Fri 8 am – 4 pm	Emergency Food
ACCESS Agency	1315 Main Street Willimantic	860 450-7400	Mon – Fri 8 am – 4 pm	Emergency Food
Putnam Mobile Food Pantry St. Mary's Church	218 Providence Street, Putnam		Fourth Tues of the month 10 - 11 am	Lower parking lot
Plainfield Mobile Food Pantry Central Assembly of God	350 Putnam Road- Rte 12, Wauregan		Third Wed of the mo 11 am - 12 pm	
TEEG Food Bank	15 Thatcher Road N. Grosvenordale	860 923-3458	Mon: 4 - 6 pm Tue: 9 - 11 am Wed: 1:30 - 3 pm Fri: 1:30 - 3 pm	Food by appt. at this time Also serves: Pomfret, Eastford, Woodstock
Daily Bread Food Bank- Living Faith Methodist Church	53 Grove Street Putnam	860 928-0169	Mon: 12 - 1:30 pm Wed: 5 - 6:30 pm Fri: 12 - 1:30 pm	Appts. for food through May. Can serve other towns covered by TEEG depending on circumstances.

## Town of Ashford

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Ashford Food Pantry - Living Proof Church	38 Pompey Hollow Rd, Ashford	860 487-1450	First Fri each mo. 1 pm	

## Ashford Public Schools - Free Meal Program (during pandemic)

The school cafeteria will provide breakfast and lunch for any family who has at least one student at the Ashford School regardless of income. Families may have breakfast and lunch dropped off at home while school is closed. Pick up is no longer available. Delivery is typically between 10-11 am. If no one is at home at the time of delivery, it will be sent the next day. If you are work and needs meals delivered to your home, please call Ashford Social Services at 860-487-4417 & leave a message or email [mmcdonough@ashfordct.org](mailto:mmcdonough@ashfordct.org).

## **Town of Brooklyn**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Friends of Assisi Food Pantry	77 Water Street Danielson	860 774-2310	Tue & Fri 9 - 11 am	Available to Brooklyn residents

## **Brooklyn Public Schools Free Schedule (during pandemic) for children under 18**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Brooklyn Middle School	119 Gorman Rd Brooklyn		Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 9 am	Back loading dock
Brooklyn Community Center	39 Tiffany Street Brooklyn		Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 9 am	
Sacred Heart Church	620 Wauregan Rd Route 205, Brooklyn		Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 9 am	

There is a volunteer who will deliver meals if a family is ill and cannot pick up their food. Contact Superintendent of Schools Patricia Buell at 860-774-6938 or email her at [buell@brooklynschools.org](mailto:buell@brooklynschools.org).

## **Town of Canterbury**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Canterbury Cares Community Food Pantry First Congregational Church	Route 14/169 Canterbury		Third Monday of the month 10 am - 12 pm	Bring a piece of mail with your address on it if you are new to the food pantry.

## **Canterbury Public Schools Free Meals (during pandemic)**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Helen Baldwin School	45 Westminster Rd Canterbury			Free Breakfast/Lunch 900 am - Noon

Delivery service is offered. Go to the school website and click on the Food Service Delivery link located at the bottom of main page. Forms must be completed by Friday at 500 pm to start services the following Monday. You only sign up once. If you need to make changes or have questions, email [foodservice@canterburypublicschools.org](mailto:foodservice@canterburypublicschools.org). If you have a cooler, please leave it by your mailbox. If not, food will be delivered at your front step.

## **Town of Chaplin**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Chaplin Food Pantry - Chaplin Congregational Church	43 Chaplin Street Chaplin	860 455-9911	No specific set schedule	Food Bank Coordinator, Rachel - call to make arrangements

No information on free meals for the Chaplin school district, however neighboring Hampton and Scotland allow any child to participate in their free meal program during the pandemic. See Hampton and Scotland resources.

## **Town of Eastford**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Eastford Town Hall Food Pantry	16 Westford Road Eastford	860 974-1618	First Monday of the month 8:30 – 9:30 am	

The Eastford Schools are not offering free meals during the Covid-19 pandemic, but are encouraging families to go to the Putnam, Killingly, Thompson or Willimantic free meal sites if they are in need.

## **Town of Hampton**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Hampton Food Pantry: Hampton Congregational Church	263 Main Street Hampton	860 455-9677		Church phone will connect person to the Food Bank Coor.

## **Hampton Public Schools Free breakfast/lunch – (during pandemic)**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Hampton Elementary School	380 Main Street Hampton		Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 9 am	Side parking lot

Children up to age 18. Children do not need to be from Hampton or attend a Hampton school to obtain meals. If parents have a transportation issue, please email Sam Roberson at [sroberson@hamptonschool.org](mailto:sroberson@hamptonschool.org) or Dr. Olah at [folah@hamptonschool.org](mailto:folah@hamptonschool.org)

## **Town of Killingly**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Friends of Assisi Food Pantry	77 Water Street Danielson	860 774-2310	Tue & Fri 9 - 11 am	
Community Soup Kitchen- Danielson Methodist Church	9 Spring Street Danielson		Wednesdays at noon	Take out only during the pandemic
ACCESS Agency	185 Broad Street Danielson	860 412-1600		Emergency Food

## **Killingly Public Schools - Free Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch (during pandemic)**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Killingly Memorial School	339 Main Street Danielson		Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30 am - 1 pm	Please call the Transportation Dept at 860-779-6790 if you are a family that resides over ½ mile of KMS & needs transportation.

## **Town of Plainfield**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days/Hours	Notes
Project PIN Food Pantry	23 Village Center Circle Moosup	860 564-5591	Mon: 10 - 11:30 am Wed: 5 - 6:30 pm Fri: 1 - 2:30 pm	
Community Soup Kitchen United Methodist Church	11 South Main Street, Moosup		Fridays 11:30 am	Takeout only during pandemic.
Plainfield Mobile Food Pantry Central Assembly of God Church	350 Putnam Rd Rte 12, Wauregan		Third Wednesday of the month 11 am - 12 pm	
Lighthouse Church	33 Route 14 A Plainfield	860 564-0445		Emergency food by appt. Call Tues - Fri to schedule an appt. or on Monday & leave a message.

## **Plainfield Public Schools Free Meal Program (during pandemic) – Free Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch**

Plainfield High School	105 Putnam Road Central Village		11 am - 1 pm	
Plainfield Central School	75 Canterbury Rd Plainfield		11 am - 1 pm	
Moosup Elementary School	35 Church Street Moosup		11 am - 1 pm	

## Town of Pomfret

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Pomfret Food Pantry	205 Mashamoquet Rd, Pomfret Center	860 928-2309	Mon: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Tues: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	(may also be served by TEEG in Thompson 860 923-3458 or Daily Bread in Putnam 860 928-0169 depending on the circumstances.
Pomfret Town Hall			10 am - Noon	

## Pomfret Public School free breakfast/lunch to all children in the household (during pandemic)

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Pomfret Community School	20 Pomfret Street Pomfret		Mon: 2 breakfasts & lunches Wed: 3 breakfasts & lunches 8 - 9 am	

## Town of Putnam

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days/ Hours	Notes
Daily Bread Food Bank Living Faith Methodist Church	53 Grove Street Putnam	860 928-0169	Mon: 12 - 1:30 pm Wed: 5 - 6:30 pm Fri: 12 - 1:30 pm	Appts. for food through May. Can serve other towns covered by TEEG depending on circumstances
Community Soup Kitchen United Living Methodist Church	53 Grove Street Putnam		Tuesdays at noon	Not open during the pandemic.
Community Cafe United Living Methodist Church	53 Grove Street Putnam		Fridays 11:30 am	Not open during the pandemic.
Putnam Mobile Food Pantry St. Mary's Church *lower parking lot	218 Providence St Putnam		4th Tuesday of the mo. 10 - 11 am	Not in April 2020
Mobile Food Pantry- <i>for veterans</i> Riverview Farmer's Market	18 Kennedy Drive Putnam		First Thursday of the month 11 am - 12 pm	Veterans

## Putnam Public Schools - Free meals for breakfast, lunch, dinner (during the pandemic)

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Riverview Farmer's Market	18 Kennedy Drive Putnam, Ct. 06260		Mon, Wed, Fri 10-10:50 am	
Riverview Farmer's Market	18 Kennedy Drive Putnam, Ct. 06260		Tue, Thurs, Fri 4:30 - 5:15 pm	
East Putnam Fire Dept.	263 Providence Pike - Putnam		Mon, Wed, Fri 11:30 am - noon	

Mon: 3 breakfasts & 2 lunches for each child, Wed: 2 breakfasts & 3 lunches for each child, Fri: 2 breakfasts & lunches for each child. Some meals will be distributed cold with heating instructions. They should be taken home and heated or refrigerated quickly.

Supper/Snack Evening meal from 4:30 – 5:15 pm on Tuesdays (2 days' worth), Thursdays (2 days' worth), and Fridays (3 days' worth)

## Town of Scotland

Scotland does not have a food pantry, but may check in with other neighboring food pantries for assistance

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Scotland Elementary School	68 Brook Road Scotland		Mon, Wed, Fri 8 - 9 am	Head toward the cafeteria door

Scotland Free Meal Program (during pandemic) - Any child 18 years and younger may participate in the free meal program. They do not need to be a resident of Scotland or attend Scotland Elementary School.

### **Town of Sterling**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Project PIN Food Pantry	23 Village Center Circle, Moosup	860 564-5591	Mon: 10 - 11:30 am Wed: 5 - 6:30 pm Fri: 1 - 2:30 pm	Sterling residents utilize

### **Sterling Community School- free breakfast/lunch meal program (during pandemic)**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Sterling Community School	251 Sterling Road Sterling		Mon, Wed, Fri 7:30 am-9:00 am	

Child does not have to be a student or reside in Sterling to take advantage of the free breakfast/lunch program.

### **Town of Thompson**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
TEEG Food Bank	15 Thatcher Road N. Grosvenordale	860 923-3458	Mon -4-6 pm Tue- 9-11 am Wed-130-3:00 pm Fri-1:30-3:00 pm	Food by appt. at this time Also serves: Pomfret, Eastford, Woodstock

### **Thompson Public Schools - Free Grab and Go breakfast/lunch for children up to age 18**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Thompson Library	934 Riverside Dr N. Grosvenordale		Mon - Fri 11 – 11:45 am	
TEEG	15 Thatcher Road N. Grosvenordale		Mon - Fri 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	
East Thompson Fire Dept.	530 E Thompson Rd, Thompson		Mon - Fri 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	
Quinebaug Fire Station	720 Quinebaug Rd, Quinebaug		Mon- Fri 12 pm - 1 pm	

### **Town of Woodstock**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Mobile Food Pantry Woodstock Town Hall	Rte.169 Woodstock		11 am - 1 pm	
Community Soup Kitchen Woodstock Congregational Church	543 Rte.169 Woodstock		Mon: 11:30 am	Take out during the pandemic
Woodstock Town Hall	415 CT 169 Woodstock		1 - 3 pm	Food will be bagged or boxed. Try to bring information that you are a town resident
TEEG Food Bank	15 Thatcher Road N. Grosvenordale	860 923-3458	Mon: 4 - 6 pm Tue: 9 - 11 am Wed: 1:30 - 3 pm Fri: 1:30 - 3 pm	Food by appt. at this time. Also serves: Pomfret, Eastford, Woodstock

### **Woodstock Public Schools free breakfast /lunch for school age children (during pandemic)**

Name / Location	Address	Phone Number	Days / Hours	Notes
Woodstock Middle School	147 B Route 169 Woodstock		Mon, Wed, Fri 11 am - 12:30 pm	



# Weekend Meals

for Thompson Community Members

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## American Chop Suey, Corn Bread & Cookies *(while it lasts)*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH - PICK UP ONLY**

During the scheduled breakfast & lunch distribution hours.

Thompson Library 11-11:45

Quinebaug Fire Department 12-1:00

TEEG 11:30-12:30

East Thompson Fire Department 11:30-12:30

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH - DELIVERY ONLY**

TEXT 508-949-3634 or 860-933-0369 by noon on Thursday APRIL 23rd  
for delivery on Saturday April 25th between 11-1pm

This meal is free to all Thompson Residents regardless of income.  
If you are handicapped or elderly and require delivery, text 508-949-3634 or  
860-933-0369 with your address and number of meals required.



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## **FREE** LIVE ONLINE PARENTING CLASSES

*Get started finding Peace at Home*

### **STEP 1:** Choose which is best for you

- **Interactive Live Online Classes** Get answers to your questions on the spot
- **Recorded Classes** On-demand recorded versions of our live, interactive courses
- **Flash Classes** 15 minutes or less

**STEP 2:** Visit our class list page at [peaceathomeparenting.com/get-started](https://peaceathomeparenting.com/get-started) and review the list of upcoming classes under the type of class that best fits your schedule

**STEP 3:** Click on the **Register or Buy Now** button and complete registration questions

**STEP 4:** Enter **PEACE2020** discount code in place of payment

**That's it!** You will receive an e-mail confirmation with instructions for your next steps or a link to the class you chose. LIVE CLASSES will send reminders leading up to date of the class.

Sponsored by: **Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC)**



*Making a Difference for Children in  
Brooklyn, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam,  
Sterling & Thompson.*

**Learn more at  
[PeaceAtHomeParenting.com](https://PeaceAtHomeParenting.com)**

We offer classes for all ages with a variety of topics:

- COVID-19 Parent Toolbox
- Birth - Age 5
- School Age
- Tween - Young Adults
- Parenting Essentials
- Parenting Special Needs

### **With each class you will receive:**

- Parent handouts you can download and print
- Access to our private, monitored Facebook group where you can get answers and feedback from other caring parents like yourself and Peace at Home experts
- Access to Free monthly online Q&A sessions to follow up on your new approaches

And if you sign up for a live, online class and miss it – we will send you access to a recording of that class in just a day or two.

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# They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.



**A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.**

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

**You have the power to shape your future, and the future of all children, by counting everyone in your home in the 2020 Census.**

Learn more about how you can shape your future at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV).

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at [CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS).

**Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:**

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.



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