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A new day is an opportunity to make a new connection!

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“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” - Christopher Robin (A. A. Milne)



During Coronavirus, a Teacher Describes the Scramble to Go Digital In Bergen County, New Jersey, just outside New York City, a school closure pushes teachers to confront the challenges of online learning. By Carly Berwick



District Highlights Last week was dominated with work related to our preparedness to address Coronavirus (COVID-19) and I am sure that will be the theme this week. [Please see our website for more information related to our response to the virus.](#) There is no time like the present to welcome Tyler Driscoll as our new HES Nurse and Rosemary Nickson as our new GHS Nurse! Both come highly recommended and we are glad they are joining our team. In addition to his nursing experience, Tyler worked for Food Corps and has a passion for physical fitness. Rosemary comes with an extensive school nursing background at the elementary level and previously was a high school science teacher. I had the opportunity to get back to PreK classrooms last week too. I was so impressed with the STEAM integration work underway in the classrooms. Under the theme of robots, students were listening to robot stories, skip counting through the story, engineering their own robots with connecting blocks, tallying the types/colors of the blocks they used, and using clay and other materials to create a robot. There was probably more ways they were engaging with this theme than just what I noticed. Way to go! To close, I want to say I have been so impressed and appreciative to how we have responded to the challenge of COVID-19 as a team. It takes a village! There will be more details to come this week regarding our next steps as a district.

Professional Development Corner! *Happier with Gretchen Rubin* is a podcast recommendation I shared a few weeks ago. Just yesterday they released a new episode [Bonus: Coping During COVID-19: How to Stay Happier and Calmer in Difficult Times](#). If you are looking for something to do, check out [the archives \(scroll down\)](#) of Bright Futures for other podcast and book recommendations.



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