



The Renaissance

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Parent Digest #4 April 10th

A shout out to Renaissance: we are donating 30 face shields from the science lab to the fire department, through an EMT friend of Victor Motta!

Below are fun activities to do during this 'pause', and **Spring Break Learning Challenges** specific to each cluster. Classes will resume on Tuesday April 14th with a modified schedule that will be sent to your child's email. During this time, we hope that you will share photos with us of your children – and you! – doing some of these activities. Whether they are reading, cooking, sewing, playing music, remember – they are learning, expanding their worlds and staying safe! Share those photos with us for a special newsletter that will come out next week: <mailto:peggyheeney@rencharter.org>

Spring Break Learning Challenges - Remote Learning is paused in observance of Passover and Easter; but we urge families to observe the guidance from the city and state to stay indoors for the next two weeks to slow the spread of the virus. The learning doesn't have to stop however! Check it out:

Elementary - [Cluster One Spring Pause Challenges](#); [PK-5 Reading Bingo Board](#); [Bingo Instructions](#)
Middle School - [6th-8th grade Spring Pause Challenges](#); [6th-8th grade Reading Challenge](#)
High School - [HS Spring Pause Challenges](#); Join the [High School Reading Challenge](#)!

Click below for virtual exploration and learning opportunities:

- <https://www.bloomberg.org/blog/explore-the-outdoors-while-indoors-this-weekend/>
If you're looking for more to do, check out [five ways to explore culture](#) and [five ways to travel the world virtually](#) this weekend.
- **The Guggenheim from Home: Tour the Building.** Recently designated a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Guggenheim Museum has come to be known as Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece. Hear about unexpected facets of the building's history from host Roman Mars and museum staff. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **UncancelledMusicFestival.com:** Looking for some great virtual "live" music? [Check out this site for virtual concerts from stages around the country.](#)
- <https://outschool.com/>
- **Sing for Hope** is an arts organization offering creative education resources for teachers, parents and students <https://www.singforhope.org/arts-culture-resources-for-coping-with-covid-19/>.
- **Online Stem DIY project:** <https://animoto.com/play/H2Bs1tyCsnLSxcvN7QjbUQ>
- Science-in-the-Park "After-School" STEAM Workshops **Call 347 824-2301 or Email: idlewildesc@easternqueensalliance.org** For registration form click [here](#).

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- **Drag Queen Story Hour** Live streaming:
Saturday April 11, 11am
[Virtual DQSH with Rev. Yolanda](#)
[@BrooklynChildrensMuseum Facebook page](#)
Tuesday April 14, 11am
[Virtual DQSH with Miz Jade](#)
[@DragQueenStoryHour Instagram and Facebook](#)
Thursday April 16, 11am
[Virtual DQSH in Spanish and English with Angel Elektra](#)
[@QPLNYC Facebook page](#)

At home activities

- **Three Apples Book Award:** vote for your favorite book:
Nominees: <https://www.nyla.org/current-nominees/?menukey=3apples>
Vote Here:
https://www.nyla.org/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=1337&MenuKey=3apples
- Free Access to Epic's [Digital Library](#) . Sign up for 30 days Free!
- **Scholastic Learn At Home** is accessible on all devices, including smart phones, and no sign-up or printing is required to complete activities <http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome>
- Remember **Highlights Magazine**? Loads of games & activities. [Visit them online](#)
- Free media content from the library [Learn Queens Library](#)
- **Scholastic BookFlix** is an online literacy resource. You must login through the Queens Public Library website and [vist this page](#). Click "Search within Database" under BookFlix and you will be directed to their website where you can search for a book.
- **SYNC** is a free summer audiobook program for teens. Returning April 30, 2020, SYNC will give away two complete audiobooks a week - pairs of high interest titles, based on weekly themes. Sign up for email or text alerts and be first to know when new titles are available to download at www.audiobooksync.com<<http://www.audiobooksync.com/>>. They are also looking for podasters. If you have an interest in books, listening, or drama, let them know! Additional questions? Attend the webinar, and check the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).
- **Spring Break Bingo for K-12:**
<https://kipp.app.box.com/s/6axinpgke8m40fzc011ekcy7dug7jsta/folder/109356685452>
- **Arts Roc - Largest Online Minecraft Egg Hunt EVER!**
<https://mailchi.mp/artsroc/largest-online-minecraft-egg-hunt-ever?e=1a9b7b4093>
- Here are [many free online movement resources](#) for your family to stay physically active and mentally healthy – and have fun together.
- **Stay Active at Home** - Rising New York Road Runners - daily activities and inspiration, and encouraging members to share their own tips, ideas, stories and more.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/risingnewyorkroadrunners/>
- Movement Online <https://wideopenschool.org/programs/family/6-12/get-moving/>
- **Try YOGA!** Yoga videos for kids - <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
Yoga videos for everyone - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJbRPHZr_d0
- Log On to **Playworks** for Live Virtual Recess - Monday - Friday @ 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - https://www.playworks.org/get-involved/play-at-home/?fbclid=IwAR3B8c_0NuSOIh-bd2GnGvYY8Sw1XiybBwTXgEQqtMKoGy-AtKst3Blurl0

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- **250+ Creative Ways to Keep Your Family Sane During the COVID-19 Crisis -** <https://rochester.kidsoutandabout.com/content/250-creative-ways-keep-your-family-sane-during-covid-19-crisis#online>
- **Interested in chess?** Watch a free virtual lecture on Sunday at 5:00 PM: <https://www.facebook.com/events/546664842650070/>
Also check out Chess NYC: <https://chessnyc.com/>
- **Make your own hand sanitizer** <https://wellness-guide.org/disease-prevention/how-to-create-your-own-hand-sanitizer/>
- **Programs for parents & children** to learn and enjoy together: <https://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/planetarium-creates-new-programs-for-an-unexpected-stay-at-home-world/>
- **Download free coloring books:** <http://www.openculture.com/2019/02/download-free-coloring-books-from-113-museums.html>
- **Children's Museum of the Arts - CMA LIVE - Weekly online classes - Free Resources for At-Home Arts Education** https://cmany.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjw95D0BRBFEiwAcO1KDCIVDKYIUqxm4ArP2nb_kUjwi422GBS3pp_FqPf1Y_yioHz9LMC9LhoC320QAvD_BwE
- **Art in Action - free lessons being added weekly - Online learning art portal -** <https://artinaction.org/free-lesson-portal/>
- **Learn to Draw**, daily online lessons http://www.studioijk.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=getresponse&utm_content=MORE+Ideas+and+FREE+Resources+For+Students+at+Home&utm_campaign=FREE+Resources+During+COVID19+-+3rd+installment
- **Met Opera at Home -** <http://editor.ne16.com/vo/?MailID=39375658&m=cb538f0e-d2db-4c54-b761-4dd29643ed0d#&dlv-emuid=cb538f0e-d2db-4c54-b761-4dd29643ed0d&dlv-mlid=39375658>
- **Brave New Shakespeare Challenge:** Phylcia Rashad, Steve Earle, and Raúl Esparza have recorded [their interpretations of Shakespeare's Sonnet 29](#). Now it's your turn! Record yourself performing the excerpt and tag The Pubic.
- [Live from The Apollo](#)
- **Music fun -** <https://www.nyphilkids.org/>
- **Big Apple Circus -** While you can't take a trip to the circus, you can learn all about it at <https://bigapplecircus.com/events/?spMailingID=5098719&spUserID=ODU2MDE1MDIwODQS1&spJobID=980861802&spReportId=OTgwODYxODAyS0>
- **Learn Circus Tricks** <http://links.engage.ticketmaster.com/servlet/MailView?ms=NTE1ODU2NAS2&r=ODU2MDE1MDIwODQS1&j=MTAwMDA0OTMzOQS2&mt=1&rt=0>
- **Live stream cooking classes with Chef Asata** https://captainplanetfoundation.org/live-stream-cooking-classes-with-chef-asata/?utm_source=CPF+Newsletter&utm_campaign=c0ff75662e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_01_10_03_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7760470beb-c0ff75662e-224370193
- **Recipe Rescue:** [Click here](#) to learn about Recipe Rescue and submit your favorite family recipe or a new dish you've invented with whatever you have at home.
- [A Week of Simple, Healthy Meals](#)

Adult Learning

- <https://www.dorotusa.org/our-programs/at-home/university-without-walls>

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- **Practice speaking English for FREE through We Speak NYC online classes!** We Speak NYC is now offering **FREE** weekly online classes. Join a class to meet new people, learn about New York City services available to all New York City residents, regardless of immigration status, and practice speaking English. Classes meet once a week, every week at the time listed. Find a time that works for you, [sign up for a class today](#), and receive reminders for your chosen class. For dates & times, please visit our [schedule of classes here](#).

School Closures is a website that is becoming a critical resource for teachers, parents, students (tutoring), and volunteers alike. Check their website or call the hotline: [1-855-264-2051](tel:1-855-264-2051).

The Muslim Community Network is launching a COVID-19 hotline for their community. The hotline will be available starting April 10th: 888-409-0036. If you would like to volunteer to field calls and fill out the intake form for community members, [please fill out this volunteer sign-up sheet](#).

Technology Help

Problem with camera: <https://www.androidcentral.com/how-manage-microphone-and-camera-privacy-settings-your-chromebook>

Health & Wellness

Convalescent Plasma is a treatment that is currently being used to help individuals who are severely ill from COVID-19. Those who have had the virus and have recovered from it are in a position to help those who are still suffering by donating their plasma which includes antibodies to combat the virus. Over 10,000 people have donated to date. The New York Blood Centers will collect and process donated plasma. [For more information and to sign up, click here](#).

- **New webpage full of resources for New Yorkers with Disabilities during COVID-19.** For information on Food/Supply Delivery, Social Security/Medicaid Benefits, Home Healthcare Services and more visit: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/covid-19-resources-for-people-with-disabilities.page>
- **Affected by COVID19? Find out what benefits you may qualify for and more**
 - English <https://access.nyc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>
 - Spanish: <https://access.nyc.gov/es/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>
- **Immigrant New Yorkers: Seek care without fear.** Use of health services related to COVID19 will NOT be considered under the Public Charge rule and will NOT impact your ability to apply for a green card or citizenship.
 - **More info** <http://NYC.gov/PublicCharge>
 - **Share** <https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1247222814555475969>
- **Mental Health** Services are free regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.
 - Go to https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home

Home/Meals

- **Free meals are available to every New Yorker at 400 locations**
text 'NYC FOOD' or 'NYC COMIDA' to 877-877 for more.
Learn more: <http://schools.nyc.gov/freemeals>
Share: <https://twitter.com/NYCMayor/status/1247499166227533825>
View the full Twitter thread for translations in multiple languages:
<https://twitter.com/NYCImmigrants/status/1246096131680956417?s=20>

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- **To access SNAP online ordering**
 - Go to <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-online-shopping.page>
- **NYCHA information for residents struggling with rent hardships**
 - Go to <https://nychajournal.nyc/information-about-coronavirus/>
- **Woodside on the Move** is responding to housing concerns via phone, 718-476-8449 or email info@woodsideonthemove.org.

Work Related

- **[Frequently Asked Questions about Unemployment Insurance During the Coronavirus Emergency](#)**
- **Facebook Small Business Grants Program:** Facebook knows that your business may be experiencing disruptions, so they are offering cash grants and ad credits to help during this challenging time. Facebook will begin taking applications in the coming weeks. In the meantime, sign up to receive more information: [Click here to learn more](#).
- **If you believe an employer is violating either existing labor laws or recently issued executive orders:**
 - Contact 311 or the New York State Attorney General at (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov to report them.
 - Learn more: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/workers/worker-rights.page>
- **[Freelancers Relief Fund](#)** provided by the Freelancers
- **Union Urban Upbound** - They can help people find temporary jobs in hospitals. Contact Bob Din, at Bob@urbanupbound.org or (718) 571-9490.
- **BRC:** Looking for cooks, cleaners/porters, desk workers at front door of housing programs, drivers. Go to brc.org/work-brc for more information

Health Insurance

Many New Yorker's are at risk of losing their health insurance coverage as a result of COVID-19. Many are likely to be eligible for health coverage with financial assistance through NY State of Health due to their loss of coverage and income. Read this update for more info: https://mcusercontent.com/812fb93c10abbbbd45321c08c/files/5ee6311d-5370-45f1-95a7-6acafc29fd0b/School_Letter_2020_FINAL.pdf

Administrative

- **Get Counted: Fill out the Census!** Cardi B says: This year, we have the power to decide our city's future. The census is about power, money, and respect for our communities — not just for the next 4 years, but for the next 10. Get counted today. www.2020census.gov
- **Watch and Share:** <https://twitter.com/nycgov/status/1244788760199540739>
- The DOE School Survey has been extended until June 26th. During the Spring Pause, take a couple of minutes to complete the survey, it is still very important to Renaissance. If you need your child's OSIS# you can contact <mailto:pierinaarias@rencharter.org> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/school-quality/nyc-school-survey>

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