



Back to School 2020-2021

My 6th graders have a daily writing assignment for their journals each day. The first day of school I usually have them write something about their summer vacation. This year my first day topic will be – “What have you been doing since March?”

My teacher friends and I have talked of nothing else lately, except what will this school year bring us. As head of school, my husband has worked tirelessly and endlessly on plans to keep our students and staff safe. I am glad we are going to go ahead and start on schedule. I think we all need some normalcy in our lives.

Our students need teachers and as teachers, we need our students.

I usually plan out my articles several weeks in advance and sometimes monthly. It may not be the complete article, but there is a topic and a plan. Early August is always about going back to school. As I said, I am glad we are going back to school, but I wonder statistically how thing will be different from the norm.

It is hard to find someone not affected by Back to School. There are over 8 million teachers in the United States alone. Including college students, over 78 million kids head back to school every fall.

*The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write about 450,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long.

*At first teachers didn't like erasers because they thought they encouraged mistakes. Before they were invented, a common way to get rid of pencil markings was with a rolled-up piece of white bread.

*Did you ever wonder why we give our teachers apples? The tradition goes back to the 16th century in Denmark. Teachers didn't earn enough money for food, so parents would send their children to school with an apple for them to have something to eat.

*The school bus has been around as long as the automobile. 480,000 buses take 26 million children to school each day.

*Didaskaleinophobia is an acute fear of going to school.

*Approximately 2/3 of children admit that they really like school!

Please keep our schools, students, teachers, and staff

members in your prayers as we enter a new school year. Also remember those men and women who serve as administrators and board members as they make decisions for our schools.

Remember how helpful your crock pot can be to help have dinner ready when you arrive home. I hope you will give these a try. Thanks for reading.

TACO CHICKEN and RICE

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
 - 1 (1 oz.) pkg. taco seasoning mix
 - 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup
 - 1 can diced Ro-Tel tomatoes, undrained
 - 1 (7.6 oz.) box Old El Paso Cheesy Mexican Rice
- Place chicken in slow cooker; combine taco seasoning, soup, and tomatoes and pour over chicken. Cover and cook on Low for 6-8 hours or High for 3-4 hours.

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Using two forks, shred cooked chicken in the slow cooker. Prepare rice according to package directions and stir into chicken mixture. If the mixture seems too thick, add a little chicken broth.

WEEKNIGHT GOULASH

- 1 lb. beef stew meat
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire

- sauce
- 1 ½ tsp. brown sugar
- 1 ½ tsp. paprika
- ¼ tsp. dry ground mustard
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 2 Tbsp. water
- Hot cooked egg noodles
- Brown beef in oil; drain and place in slow cooker. Combine the broth, onion, ketchup, Worcestershire, brown sugar, paprika, and mustard and pour over the beef. Cover and cook on Low until beef is tender – about 8 to 10 hours. In a small bowl,

combine flour and water until smooth; gradually stir into beef mixture. Cover and cook on High for 30 more minutes or until thickens. Serve over noodles.

- MEATBALL HOAGIES**
- 2 pkg. (12 oz. each) frozen fully cooked Italian meatballs, thawed
- 2 jars (24 oz. each) marinara sauce
- 8 hoagie buns, split
- 8 slices provolone cheese
- Sliced pepperoncini peppers

Place meatballs and marinara sauce in crock pot. Cook on low for 3-4 hours until heated through. On each bun bottom, layer the cheese, meatballs, and some sauce. Top with pepperoncini peppers. Place on top and serve immediately.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE DISTRICT

The Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District (the “Levee Board”) will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021 on August 13, 2020 at 1:00 o’clock P.M., at 140 Delta Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614.

The Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$ 3,817,631.00 (58.04 percent) or \$ 2,215,780.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$ 3,824,029.00. Of that amount (57.94 percent) or \$ 2,215,780.00 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision by the Levee Board to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2020-21 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes assessed by the Levee Board on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2020-21.

Any citizen of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2020-21 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken. However, because of the COVID pandemic, all persons attending the meeting will be required to wear a facial mask or suitable covering and comply with any restrictions and conditions imposed to protect the health and safety of persons in attendance.