

Teachers and friends response to #keepadiary

The following is a sample of all the people who have shared my Facebook post, Twitter posts and their responses. I hope to add more as I use GitHub to host my diary about the Covad 19 crisis.

Email

Tahiliani, Priya
Fri, Mar 13, 2:38 PM (2 days ago)
to me

That is so cool!!! Thank you, Neil for sharing that with me. And that assignment is an amazing and very wise one. Perhaps, y'all could get it out to all our high schoolers? Maybe other students too?

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Facebook

Kathy Cerky Love this! Thanks for sharing! We haven't closed our schools yet, but if we do I'd like to do something similar! (I'll give you a shout out!)

Beth Gainer You are a superstar! BTW, you gave an excellent assignment.

Linda Ann Ragucci Maloney I called my daughter once I read your post this morning and she bought her a journal and came down and Quinn started her daily journal already.

Katy Rogers Thank you for your optimistic but cautious outlook. You are what we need in a time like this! Stay safe.

RosaMaria Amara You are one of the most dedicated teachers I know

Cindy Lobe I thought it was a great post. Good for you !

Lainee Griggs-Barroso will do, you are a very thoughtful teacher. Your students and all us teachers who learn from you are lucky to have you.

Reposted on Facebook

Lainee Griggs-Barroso

#keepadiary This is a teacher who i think the world of and that we can all learn from. Thanks Neil
#MrP

Michael Ditkowsky is with Neil Plotnick.

March 13 at 1:43 PM ·

A letter written by a teacher friend of mine, Neil Plotnick to his students. It has already gone viral and lead to an interview with the local TV station. Definitely a great read :

"Keep a Diary"

I'm really going to miss my students for the next six weeks. We had zero warning about the decision to close the school and were unable to prepare anything to give them.

I sent them the following message with the title, "Keep a Diary".

The next few weeks are going to be something that you will remember for the rest of your lives. There will be a time in the years to come when your children and grandchildren will ask you questions.

It may be important that you take some time to share your thoughts by writing them down. Clip some newspaper articles. Record some videos. Draw, paint and sketch.

You can look back at the memories in 10, 20 and more years from now. I'm certain that you will look back and understand things differently than today. It's a great advantage of age and experience.

When I was 17 it was the time of Iranian hostages, Ronald Reagan and AIDS. Those events influenced how I grew up.

The Covid 19 virus is probably going to be a big deal for us and the world. I know that each of you will do great things in life. I'm sure that lots of things are going to be crazy today but hopefully better tomorrow.

I hope that you can relax and enjoy your time away from our class.

Best

Mr. P

Beth Propper

Yesterday at 1:03 AM ·

Message from my friend Neil Plotnick, a teacher in Massachusetts (where staff had zero warning about the decision to close schools for six weeks; he was unable to prepare any materials to give them) sent to his high school students, entitled "Keep A Diary":

Thouria Benferhat

Thinking outside the box 📦

Meaningful, mindful writing ✍️

Just beautiful !

Janet Steinberg That's perfect ok to share?

Stephanie Stowe Can I share? We will be doing this...and I'm going to share with my (College Now) creative writing high school students - thanks Neil ❤️

Jennifer Heller Monness This is wonderful!

Nelly Silagy Benedek Excellent. Exactly the attitude teachers and administrators should have at this time.

Diana Rubin I love this!

Andrea Flynn I love this. And also fuck, it makes me sad that our young people are going to look back and ask why our government didn't do more to prevent or stop this.

Diana Nasello Olszewski I was thinking about this too but I kept a journal when I was younger...and i recently found my journal from 2000-2001. Wow. Things and emotions I had forgotten about (especially was I was writing about before 9-11). Very interesting!

Nelly Silagy Benedek Can you make this post shareable for those of us who have no idea what those other sharing options mean?

Joe Bauer I sent this to my wife who is also a teacher. Her district closed with short notice on Friday afternoon. She loved it and is going to copy the idea with a hat-tip to Neil.

Lisa Eggert Litvin Great idea. I did for 9/11 when we lived downtown.

Twitter

AudraKaplan
@AudraKaplan

Always great things coming from you
@NeilPlotnick
! What a great idea for your Ss. Thanks for sharing. #gdrsdchat
@csteachersgb

Everett Independent
@EverettIndy

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Mar 14
Brilliant!

Neil Plotnick
@NeilPlotnick
· Mar 13

No school for 6 weeks. I wrote my students and encouraged them to keep a diary. Clip articles, take pictures, record videos. It's going to be a transformative aspect for their lives. In the future they can look back and answer questions of their grandchildren. @EverettMASchool

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@IrvingsRoost

Message from my friend

@NeilPlotnick

, a #teacher in Massachusetts (where staff had zero warning about the decision to close #schools for six weeks; he was unable to prepare any materials to give them) sent to his high school students, entitled #KeepADiary:

5:16 PM · Mar 14, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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"...I hope that you can relax and enjoy your time away from our class.

Best,

Mr. P."

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