



University Elementary  
Monday Minute - January 14, 2019

1. MLK Jr. Day Jan. 21st
2. Dismissal Changes
3. Winter Weather
4. Elementary Strings Concert Jan. 15th
5. Makers Challenge Showcase Jan. 16th
6. Middle School High Ability Identification/Application Process
7. Middle School High Ability Information Meeting @ TNMS Jan. 24th
8. Elementary High Ability Identification Timeline (Grades 3-8)
9. Kindergarten Registration Opens Jan. 4th
10. Kindergarten Open House Jan. 12th
11. University Clubs
12. PTO Meeting Jan. 15th - CANCELED

1. MLK Jr. Day is January 21st. We will NOT have school on this date.
2. If you need to make any dismissal changes for your child, please contact the office by 12:00. We will be sure to notify your child's teacher of the changes. Teachers are not always able to check their email during the instruction day.
3. Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Skyward so you can receive proper notification if/when Winter weather causes a delay/closing. Also, we go outside for recess as long as the windchill is above the 18-20 range, as outlined in the corporation handbook. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately.
4. The Elementary Strings Concert, featuring a handful of our University students, will be held Tuesday, January 15th beginning at 7:30 in the main gym at Bloomington North.
5. The MCCSC 4th Grade Makers' Challenge Showcase will be held at the MCCSC CoLab (553 E. Miller Dr) on Wednesday, January 16th beginning at 6:00. [Check out this video](#) for additional information about the challenge.
6. The MCCSC Office of High Ability Education has begun the middle school high ability identification/application process for the 2019-2020 school year for



incoming 7th grade students. Notification letters will be mailed on Friday, January 25, 2019 to current sixth grade students who automatically qualify for middle school high ability services (advanced ELA or ALPS) based on scores on the In View and NWEA assessments. Application materials for students who want to appeal for placement in middle school high ability programs are due to the Office of High Ability Education on or before Friday, February 8, 2019. Placement in advanced math classes is a separate process and will occur later in the semester.

7. If you have questions about the high ability application/identification process, a parent information meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 PM in the Tri-North Middle School auditorium. This meeting is open to any parent or student interested in MCCSC middle school high ability programs. Information about high ability programs may also be found on the MCCSC website at [www.mccsc.edu](http://www.mccsc.edu).
8. The Elementary High Ability process will begin in March. I will update everyone of specific dates in February. If you want to get a jump on dates, you can access the timeline here: <https://www.mccsc.edu/cms/lib/IN01906545/Centricity/Domain/62/HA%202018-19.pdf>
9. Kindergarten Registration opens February 4th. Please ensure that you have the appropriate paperwork before coming to school. Learn more at [www.mccsc.edu/kreg](http://www.mccsc.edu/kreg)
10. There will be a Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, February 12th from 6:30-7:30 here at University School where families can meet the principal and current teachers, tour the school, explore a typical day in kindergarten, and get some answers to those pressing questions. Learn more at [www.mccsc.edu/kreg](http://www.mccsc.edu/kreg)
11. Here are the start dates for our clubs at University. We plan to add Drama back in for the second semester under new leadership. We will share additional information on this when we receive it. Spanish: already started, Choir: Jan. 30, Tuesday Chess: Jan. 22, Thursday Chess: Jan. 24, Chinese: Jan. 17, Drama: TBD, Coding: TBD.
12. The January PTO Meeting has been canceled this month. We hope to see many of you at our February meeting.





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