

University Elementary Monday Minute - April 29, 2020

- 1. 6 more Days of E-Learning
- 2. Teacher Appreciation Week Next Week
- 3. 6th Grade Promotion
- 4. Kindergarten Graduation
- 5. Yard Sign Pick Up Friday
- 6. Summer School and Virtual Summer Camp
- 7. 2020-2021 Enrollment/Transfer Requests
- 8. End of Year Housekeeping TBD
- 9. 2020 Primary Registration, Census and Public Education
- Including today, there are only 6 days of e-learning left for our children at University School. This is going to go very quickly! I know that our teachers continue to work hard to prepare lessons for your children to cover as much content as they can during this time. I ask you please help your children be diligent in their school work during this time. Together, we will finish e-learning on a high note!
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th. Our PTO is putting together a video to send to all of our teachers (and families) to say "thank you" for what they do. If you or your children have not submitted your pictures thanking our teachers, please do this by the end of the day today. You can email the picture to <u>fallcampaignpto@gmail.com</u>
- 3. 6th Grade Promotion will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 20th beginning at 6:30 PM. 6th grade families, please check your email from yesterday with specific details about this event and what we need from you to prepare. Please send your baby picture to Mrs. Stilwell and your short video clip of your 6th grade memory to me (Mr. Hopkins) by tomorrow, as outlined in the email from yesterday.



- 4. Kindergarten Graduation will take place virtually as well. Individual classrooms will be organizing this. Please look for communication from your child's teacher.
- 5. PTO placed the "Thank You Teachers" yard sign order last Friday. We ended up ordering about 20 extra signs, in case you didn't get your order in on time. Pick up of these signs will take place in the City Church parking lot on Friday, May 1st between 11:00-2:00. If you paid online, we have it on record. If you did not pay online, please bring your \$10/sign to the parking lot to place in the sealed box. Again, we do have some extra signs, so they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Thank you for supporting our University Teachers!
- 6. Summer School and Virtual Summer Camp are two different things. Pay close attention here..... <u>Summer School</u> is moving to "online" as of today for the safety of our students. Our classroom teachers and Instructional Coach have been making contact with families to fill out allotment of seats for University School. Look for additional information on this soon. <u>Virtual Summer Camp</u> is open to ALL students in grades K-8 and is online as well. Please see the attached information flyer and registration flyer if you are interested.
- 7. I had a couple families ask if current students need to enroll for 2020-2021 if they are coming back to University. The answer is yes. When you register, you will go in to double check some important information for the year. Also, there are yearly forms that must be completed (ex. medical forms, emergency contacts, etc). Also, don't forget that you must complete a transfer request yearly if you are on transfer. Attached is the PDF with directions to enroll and to fill out a transfer request. <u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: If you have friends or family that will be enrolling a kindergarten student, PLEASE encourage them to go online to register ASAP as that is the grade level that we really need to get an idea of how many are coming in. Thank you.
- 8. The governor is scheduled to make an announcement this Friday regarding the Stay at Home Order. This announcement will be the first domino to fall in a chain of events across the state as we learn what begins to open in various waves. Dr. McCormick, State Superintendent of Public Education, has already said that schools will remain closed for the rest of this school year. What we are waiting to learn about, as a school, is how this will impact getting materials back from families as well as returning personal items to families. Stay tuned.
- 9. The following (2) items are very important as they have a direct impact on public education. Please, take the time to complete both of these items as you have a right to be heard and counted.
  - a. We have less than 1 week to register to vote in the primary election. Attached is a link to the article that was in the Herald Times a couple days



ago which includes information on how you can register, including absentee! <u>Click here to read and act on the registration process</u>.

b. Please log on and complete the Census process for your family! It only takes about 10-15 minutes. <u>Visit the following link on our MCCSC site</u> to learn more about the Census and how it impacts public education as well as to access the link to COMPLETE the census.





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