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### Eagles,

As we enter the final week of the first semester, I hope that you and your family have time to celebrate the successful, albeit very challenging, first half of the year. This holiday season I am thankful for our incredible Eakin Family. Our amazing teachers have shown they can teach and connect with students in any setting. Our impressive students have demonstrated resilience in the midst of unparalleled circumstances. In addition, our wonderful families continue to share the one of a kind generosity that is only found at Eakin. We have the most incredible school because of our people. Time and time again we continue to show there is no stronger family in the school than our own Eakin Family.

Our quote this week is from Winston Churchill, who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." As a school, we provide an education. However, as an Eakin Family we give a childhood to our next generation. The best gift we can receive as a school is your trust to take care of your children. Thank you for being a part of our family and allowing us to be a part of yours!

We have a short week with Thursday being a ½-day and the last day of the semester. Now on to the information...

### Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day. With being in the Virtual setting for all students, we will start our day together from home! We will begin promptly at 8:00 each morning. So grab your breakfast and be ready to start each day as an Eakin Family!

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### Second Semester Roster Update

We are in the final steps of finalizing roster updates for the second semester. If your child is to be changing setting starting January you will be hearing from your child's teacher later in the week!

### End of Semester PBIS Party

This coming Thursday we are having our schoolwide end of the grading period PBIS party. This quarter's party is Polar Express themed. Your child's teacher will share specifics on how your child can participate!

### End of Semester Assignments

This coming Thursday marks the end of the second nine-weeks grading period. If you have any questions on assignments or grading please contact your child's teacher by Wednesday so there is time to complete any missing assignments.

### Laptops for Original Virtual Families

If your child has been in the virtual setting all year and is still in the need of a new laptop, please reach out to [kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org](mailto:kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org) to set up a pick-up time. Our goal is to have every child with their correct device before we break for the winter holiday.

When you come, please bring any MNPS device previously issued to your student including power cord and hot spots no longer needed. If your student currently has a laptop with a yellow IT tag on the bottom, you do not need to swap it out. You have the latest, greatest model!

**Library Book Curbside Pick Up**

Curbside library book pick-up this week is cancelled. We will resume curbside pick-up for students in January!

**WKRN News 2 Educator of the Month Voting (Ms. Robinson)**

Julianne Robinson, one of our amazing kindergarten teachers, has been selected as the WKRN News 2 Educator of the Week for November! Ms. Robinson is eligible to be voted Educator of the Month. We need your help getting Ms. Robinson and Eakin recognized!

Voting for Educator of the Month is from November 30 through January 3 at <https://tnlottery.com/education-wins/educator-of-the-month/>. You can vote once per day. Please take a moment each morning to vote for Ms. Robinson!

**Toy Drive**

There is still time to participate in our annual holiday toy and food drive! Visit our wish list at [bit.ly/EakinToyStore](http://bit.ly/EakinToyStore) and items will be sent directly to school. You can also contact [rachel.hippel@mnps.org](mailto:rachel.hippel@mnps.org) if you would like to donate something other than what is on the wish list. **The drive will conclude on Monday, December 14.**

Additionally, our "Eakin Toy Store" has a few spots left for families wanting some additional support with gifts! We recognize this year has been exceptionally challenging and we want everyone in our Eakin Family to have a joyous holiday season. If you would like to sign your student up to receive a little holiday love from their Eakin family, please reach out to Rachel Hippel.

**Eakin Eats - Taziki's**

The Eakin PTO is working to find ways to help families during these challenging times while raising funds for the school.

Since dinner comes every night, we have partnered with Taziki's to have your dinner prepared on Wednesday, Dec 16th. You can pre-order your family meal by Monday, Dec 14th, and then just pick up your dinner on Wednesday from Taziki's at 3001 West End at a time that works best for you. The meals are also being offered at a discount and 15% of sales will be donated to Eakin – a win-win! Please see the complete order form to select your dinner, sides, and dessert options.

Please feel free to share this with other friends and families too! All are encouraged to participate!

Order Form: [CLICK HERE](#)

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning bright and early for virtual announcements!

Sincerely,



*Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School*