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“Somebody in this world needs what you can do. Go do it!

– Ken Coleman

Author and speaker on career and personal development

Welcome to 2021! The New Year is special in education because it marks the halfway point in our school year while bringing an energy of newness. As we turn our calendars, I have an appreciation for the challenges and success brought by the first semester. We have endured a lot and grown closer as an Eakin Family. However, our work is far from finished!

I love the quote from Ken Coleman because it serves as a reminder that while we are one Eakin Family, every one of us has a unique contribution. We are wonderful because you share only what you can provide. When we all pour our collective strengths into our wonderful school, we transform from a building into a family. As we enter the second semester, I am excited to see what we can accomplish as we build on the successes of the challenging first semester.

Please know that we have missed you over break and hope that you had a safe, rejuvenating holiday break! Now on to the information...

Morning Announcements

Our first day of school for the third grading period begins on **Thursday**. As we are returning virtually, I am excited to begin our new semester together with virtual announcements. Being able to begin our mornings together is a highlight for me and I look forward to seeing everyone at 8:00!

1/4 - No School (Teacher Planning Day)

1/5 – No School (Professional Development Day)

1/6 – No School (Professional Development Day)

[1/7 Announcements](#) *First day of Semester

[1/8 Announcements](#)

Virtual Return Information

In an email to MNPS staff and families sent 12/21, Dr. Battle shared that we will begin virtually on January 7th and remain virtual through the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18th. After school begins, Dr. Battle and her team will be monitoring the city’s progress through the COVID risk score tracker found [HERE](#). As of 3:00 today, the risk score was 8.7 out of 10. Dr. Battle has shared that we need the risk score to be below 7 to begin a phase in process of students into classrooms.

I will be working diligently to keep our Eakin Family informed of any updates and return plans as information becomes available. As of now, our focus is 100% on starting the semester virtually and meeting the academic and social emotional needs of our students. We were incredibly successful during the October phase-in and when the time comes, we will continue that success for students choosing in-person learning.

Continued Support for Virtual Learning

Dr. Battle also shared that outdoor virtual learning help centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:00 when schools are in session. Additionally, the district will continue provide breakfast and lunch meals at no cost to all children 18 and under for the remainder of the school year.

MNPS Student Laptops

We are continuing our goal of getting an MNPS issued laptop to every student. Students who returned to in-person instruction were issued the updated laptop. Students who have remained virtual the entire school year get an MNPS laptop as well. Many families have received the laptop, but many have not. Alternatively, some families need to swap out the older model laptop they received at the beginning of the year for the new laptops Eakin received from the district after Thanksgiving.

Please use this link to pick a time to get the newest model laptop from school: <http://bit.ly/EakinNewLaptop>
If these times do not work for your families, please email Kelly.Bulbulkaya@mnps.org to schedule a personalized time.

Library Curbside Pickup

The library will resume Library Curbside Pick Up on Friday January 8. Library Curbside Pick Up is at the Fairfax Ave door on Tuesdays and Fridays. Use the Eakin Library catalog to place books on hold: <https://280.library.nashville.org>

Student 190 numbers are the library card number and the PIN is the student's birthday MMDD. Please place holds by 2:00 the day before the pickup. Your student will receive a Schoology message when the books are available. If you need further assistance, please email our incredible librarian at Kelly.Bulbulkaya@mnps.org

Toy Store – Thank You!

We have the most amazing and generous Eakin Family. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to help ensure every Eakin Eagle received a wonderful and joyous holiday. Our office was filled with donations. Please know your generosity made a difference in the lives of our Eagles. Even in the midst of challenging times it is a blessing to see our community come together to share joy and happiness to all.

I am so excited to see everyone this week! Enjoy the rest of your break and I will see you bright and early on Thursday for morning announcements!

Sincerely,



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