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### Eagles,

Happy Sunday! It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks left in the semester before winter break. This first semester has been one of celebrations through all the challenges. The grace and generosity of our Eakin Family continues to shine brightly. As your principal and Eakin parent, I am thankful to be a part of such a selfless and supportive community.

Our quote this week is from Chris Hogan, a radio host, author, and personal finance expert with Ramsey Solutions in Franklin. He says,

*"Thoughts become beliefs and beliefs determine actions"*

As we enter the final push for the second semester, I am choosing to focus my thoughts on the incredible love and generosity that defines our Eakin Family. I truly believe there is no better school and community than ours. Every day I see firsthand the actions our incredible teachers and staff take to care for our amazing students and families.

### Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day. With our return to Virtual Learning 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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### Family Decision Survey Update

Thank you everyone who was able to attend our Town Hall Thursday evening for our Q&A on the Family Decision Survey for families wishing to change their in-person or virtual decision for the second semester. The survey window has closed and I will be getting a final report in the coming days. After receiving the results, we will begin making any necessary changes for January. Based on preliminary responses, our changes should be minimal. Thank you for your support and questions through this process!

### Laptops for Original Virtual Families

We are ready to get new laptops out to students who have remained virtual this entire school year.

Pick up times will be between 9-11am and 1:45-3:15 pm now through Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please use this link to let us know when you are coming: [Laptop Pick Up Sign Up](#)

If these days/times do not work for your family please reach out to Kelly Bulbulkaya, Eakin Librarian, to arrange another time. [Kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org](mailto:Kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org). 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**

Students can still get books from the Eakin Library while we are virtual. Yippie! Please use the library catalog to place a hold on the books you want by 2:00 the day before pickup. You will receive an email letting you know the books are ready. The library card number is the 190 student id and the PIN is the student's birthday MMDD. Pick up days are Tuesdays and Fridays 8:15-3:00.

Come to the Fairfax Avenue doors on the pickup day. There is a bookshelf up the steps behind the right column. Get the bag of books with your name. There will be a return bin too. Students can keep their books 3 weeks. 3-4 students can receive public library books at Eakin using this system too. Catalog: <https://280.library.nashville.org>

How to place a hold video: [How to Place a Library Hold Video](#) (Video by Katelyn Jernigan, Tusculum Librarian)

I have heard that sometimes the holds do not work for our K-2 grades. You can use this link to let me know the books you want, and I will do the best to get you them, or something similar:

[Eakin Library Book Request Form](#)

**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 at Tazikis**

Our Eakin Eats night with Tazikis has moved to Wednesday, December 16. Please head on over to Taziki's on West End and support Eakin and feed your family with one single stop! Please make sure you let them know that you are with Eakin when you pay for your food.

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

Sincerely,



Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School