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Eagles,

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful and restful fall break! I apologize for sending so much information today. Originally, I had planned to send a mid-week update with return to school information. However, our district call out system was not letting my account send messages. Good news is my account is fixed!

Most importantly, I am so excited that Tuesday marks the beginning of our phase in process for students returning to the building! Tuesday will be a day of celebration for our kindergarten through 2nd grade students, regardless of setting. For more specifics on policies and procedures with our re-opening plan please read through the document attached to this call out.

Now on to the information for all of our students!

Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day. Even as we welcome students back in-person, we will continue with our virtual announcements. Students in classrooms will log in as a class through their teacher's computers. Our students remaining virtual will continue with the same process. Links are included below as well as posted in Schoology.

[10/13 Announcements](#)

[10/14 Announcements](#)

[10/15 Announcements](#)

[10/16 Announcements](#)

Return Highlights

K-2nd

A few quick highlights for our students returning to the building this week:

- Doors will open at 7:45 (we do not have early drop off due to space and supervision limitations)
- Students must have their temperatures checked at home
- Students must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth
- Car rider parents must remain in their vehicles
- We will have teachers ready to escort and help students find their classrooms
- There are no visitors at this time (save for district personnel and maintenance)
- Tuesday and Wednesday are ½ days (11:30 dismissal)
- Thursday and Friday are full days (3:00 dismissal)
- The front office doors under the portico will be used for late arrivals and early dismissals

3rd and 4th

- 3rd and 4th grade students will spend the week with their same classes from before break
- October 19th is asynchronous for 3rd and 4th grade students.
- October 20th is the first full day for 3rd and 4th grade students

(Repeat of information from K-2 as it applies to 3rd and 4th grade students as well)

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**There is a lot more information in the Q&A from Town Hall and our Reopening Plan attached to this call out*

Tech Devices

Over break, we received over 300 new devices that will be available for student use. First priority with the devices is for students who have used a personal device for Virtual Learning. We are still awaiting confirmation from the district that the devices are imaged and ready for deployment. The good news is that we are definitely able to meet our needs!

West End Coffee with the Principal (3rd/4th Grade Families)

It is never too early to look to the future! As we do every year, we are hosting a virtual coffee with the principal and teachers of West End Middle School. As our direct feeder middle school, many of our 4th graders will be attending West End next fall. Mr. Stephens, the new principal, would love to meet Eakin parents and take them through a day in the life as a 5th grade West End Blue Jay. Related arts, clubs, classes, and physical activity is a little different in Middle School, so please make a plan to join Mr. Stephens on Friday, October 17th at 9:45 to learn all the reasons why "West is Best". Please click the hyperlink [HERE](#) to attend

Eakin Wear for Purchase through PTO (Sign Up)

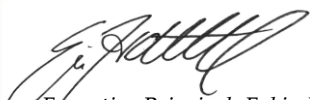
With the return to school, I know many students and families are eager to get some new clothes for the school year. The good news is that Eakin Wear is available for purchase! Please click the link below to sign up for a shopping time. PTO is starting by selling items on Wednesday, October 14 from 7:50-12:45 outside the doors on Fairfax Ave. To help with social distancing we will be serving families in 10-minute time slots. Masks are required and Venmo and credit cards are accepted. Please contact the PTO at EakinPTO@gmail.com with any questions! Sign up for your time [HERE](#).

That is all I can think of for right now! I am sure you have many questions! I encourage you to read the documents attached to the call out. I hope that they will help answer several of your questions.

Before I say goodbye I want to remind everyone of the letters H, W, and O. Often we can be so caught up in the HOW we forget the WHO. The how will change as we serve, learn, and grow together. However, the WHO is constant. As you prepare for the week, I encourage you to take time to think about WHO we are entering the next phase for. Please take a moment to think of our children, their classmates, and our amazing teachers. Everything we do is for our children because they are the next great leaders of Nashville!

See you all Tuesday morning!

Sincerely,



Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School