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"The greatest legacy we can leave our children is happy memories"
- Og Mandino, American bestselling author and speaker

Happy Valentine's Day! It appears 2021 is continuing to give us incredible amounts of time at home with our families. As we brace for what is looking to be the worst winter storm in the last five years, we might have even more time together at home! We were incredibly successful this past week welcoming in-person students back into the building. I wish we could count on a second week together. However, it looks like the weather this week has other plans. Nevertheless, I am choosing to focus on the positives. We are well equipped to stay connected virtually as we endure the last bits of winter before spring. I hope that you and your families are staying safe, warm, and healthy!

At Eakin, we often say that we provide more than an education, we create childhoods. Our quote this week reminds me that through all the challenges that this year has and continues to throw our way we need to stay focused on what is most important. Our children look to us for how to handle life's challenges. If we stay focused on leaving a legacy of happiness, we will look back later and see the wonderful times together that this past year has created. While not everything has been good, we can certainly find the good in everything!

Now on to the information for the week. Please pay extra attention this week to MNPS weather communication.

Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day! Even with some students having returned in-person, we will continue with virtual announcements. We will begin promptly at 8:00 each morning. So grab your breakfast and be ready to start each day as an Eakin Family!

2/15 NO SCHOOL – PD Day

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Prank or Prize!

This Friday we celebrated our first "Prank or Prize" winners. Ms. Newman's class were the winners of the drawing for highest class attendance and pranked me! If you want to see the video of them in action, click or copy and paste the link to watch! bit.ly/PrankorPrize1

COVID Consent Form

Earlier this week, students learning in-person brought home a permission slip. This form asked parents if they gave their consent for Meharry Medical to include your child when randomly selecting students for COVID testing. This is 100% optional. If you do not give your consent, please keep the form at home or discard. If you do give consent, please send the form back. This is being facilitated through a district partnership with Meharry Medical and I will share more information as it becomes available.

Car Rider Line

It was wonderful seeing the car rider line full again! As we enter our second week of in-person learning, I wanted to remind our car rider families of some key points to help us efficiently and safely enter the building. We have a few hundred cars come through our line in the morning, so every moment counts!

1. **Remain in your car**
2. **Pull all the way forward**
3. **Child exits car on passenger side**
4. **Drive away**

I understand that sometimes mornings are busy! Sometimes a backpack is tricky, a glove is lost, or we just need another hug before saying goodbye. This is okay! **If you need another moment, please pull forward and park in the lot at far end of the car rider line.** Staff will walk your child safely on the sidewalk to our doors.

We want our mornings to be safe and fun. However, we also want students getting to class on time and families on their way to work. Thank you for your help with our morning arrival!

February's Virtual PTO Meeting Theme: International Potluck

Eakin's International Potluck is one of our most popular events of the year. Due to the pandemic, this year's community celebration of Eakin's diversity will be a VIRTUAL potluck, taking place during our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. Everything you need to know to participate is in the attached flyer.

Girls on the Run

We are happy to announce that Girls on the Run is returning to Eakin! Girls on the Run (GOTR) is for 3rd and 4th grade girls looking to connect through teamwork, mentoring, and running. Virtual GOTR team meetings are on Mondays and Fridays starting 2/22. Registration ends tomorrow, 2/15. For more information, please consult the flyer attached to the call out. Please contact randi.ojo@mnps.org with questions. You can register your 3rd or 4th grade girl by clicking [HERE](#).

Camp Invention

Spark your child's creativity and confidence this summer at Camp Invention Connect®! Eakin is hosting a week of virtual fun where campers in grades K-6 will explore STEM concepts by taking apart their own microphone, building duck-launching devices, and more! Recharge is being offered as an at-home experience so your child can experience the fun of Camp Invention no matter where they are! Camp begins June 7-11. Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp to register. The zip code for Eakin is 37212. You can save \$30 by using the code HOST. If you register by 3/31, you can save \$40 by entering the code SUM40. Please see below for videos sharing what Camp Invention Connect is like! If you have questions, please contact tiffani.norman@mnps.org. Hope to see you at Camp Invention Connect this summer!

In Summary: <https://youtu.be/AKHjwdiJnLM>

Parent Perspective: <https://youtu.be/PTTVqknkqk>

Camp Invention Connect In Action: <https://youtu.be/fhgaY917aTY>

Camp Invention Connect Parent Welcome Video 2020: https://youtu.be/x0aStke_HQg

I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,



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