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Eagles,

Our quote for the call out this week comes from Bob Goff, *New York Times* best-selling author and founder of Love Does, a non-profit committed to promoting human rights and education in current and recovering conflict zones. Bob Goff is quoted as saying,

Embrace the uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won't have a title until much later.

Since 1937, Eakin Elementary has been a pillar in the Hillsboro West End neighborhood. In our 83-year history, Eakin Elementary has been resilient through many historical events. This year we get to make our mark in the history books by teaching and learning through the COVID-19 pandemic. While we might be unsure of what the next days or weeks hold, I have no doubt that years from now we will look back with pride on this year has helped us to grow. We are still in the midst of writing the most unique chapter in the history of our school. I know when all is said and done, this chapter will have a beautiful title that captures this unparalleled school year. I am so proud of our community and how we continue to use these uncertain times to grow stronger!

Now on to the information for the week ahead...

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.

[11/23 Announcements](#)

[11/24 Announcements](#)

11/25 – No School

11/26 – No School

11/27 – No School

Contacting Teachers First

This coming Monday and Tuesday, we will have limited staff in the office due to individuals needing to quarantine. Please be assured that everyone is safe and there is no risk for COVID exposure. However, there may be delays with messages and phone calls. To help, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher via their preferred line of communication. We will be working together to make sure the right information makes it to the right people! If needed, you are always welcome to email me as well at eric.hartfelder@mnps.org with questions or needs.

Virtual Learning District

As of 3:00 on Sunday, I have not received any updates about the potential for the entire district to shift to virtual learning. I will share information with our families as it becomes available. I anticipate district information being distributed through email, social media, and the local news. Know that as a community we are all eagerly awaiting an update and will be working together to make sure our entire community is informed and cared for!

Eakin Wear Ordering is LIVE!

Our online ordering for Eakin Wear is live! With ordering you have the option of having the items delivered directly to the address of your choosing. Deliveries will be made in time for the holidays so consider getting and giving the gift of Eakin Wear! The items have our new logo so we can all enter 2021 looking fresh and ready for the new calendar year! Ordering is available through PTO social medias or by clicking the hyperlink here: [Eakin Wear Link](#)

New Computers for Virtual Learners

We are still hard at work unpacking and imaging the computers delivered late last week. We will have more information soon for pick-up times. As a reminder, these are computer for our virtual learners that have been using personal or Eakin devices since the beginning of the year.

Schoolwide PBIS Party

This coming week we are having our end of the quarter PBIS party! To celebrate the end of another successful grading period we are having ANOTHER pajama day! Students were so excited this past week and we want to keep the happiness and positivity going! Please see the attached flyer from the PBIS committee with more information!

Car Rider Line Follow-up

Our morning arrival keeps getting more and more efficient! We are able to clear the streets in a matter of minutes after 7:45. Thank you for your help in being safe and efficient! As a reminder, please continue to pull as far forward as possible during arrival and dismissal so we can fit as many cars safely inside the loop as possible.

Edgehill Community Center Thanksgiving

The Edgehill Community Center will be offering free Thanksgiving food boxes with a turkey and/or ham giveaway while supplies last. Food will be available at the Community Center front office starting at 11:00. Be sure to wear a mask as you get ready for Thanksgiving! If you have any questions, please contact Jaye Bilyeu, our Vanderbilt School Based Clinician, at jaye.k.bilyeu@vumc.org.

That is all for this week! As a reminder, we are in school Monday and Tuesday only this week. Wednesday through Friday there is no school for Thanksgiving Break. I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning for announcements!

Sincerely,



Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School