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Eagles,

“Help other achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours”

– Les Brown

American motivational speaker, author, and member of the Ohio House of Representatives

As an Eakin Family, we do more than simply teach our children academics. We are all responsible for providing a childhood to every Eagle that will propel them into their future. We collectively have a shared responsibility to model and teach our children the intellectual and social emotional skills needed to be successful in life. Les Brown’s quote serves as a strong reminder to me of how we are all connected. If our focus is on helping others, we will meet our needs too. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness as we continue through the most unique school year in our history.

We have a lot of information this week, so I’ll jump right into it!

Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day. With 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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3rd Quarter Materials/Grade Card Pick-up

Academic materials for the new quarter and report cards will be available for pick-up in the car rider loop off 26th Avenue the following times:

Tuesday January 12 from 10:00am-12:00 and 4:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday January 13 from 7:00am-9:00am and 5:00pm-6:00pm

As a reminder, please remain in your vehicle at all times. Our faculty and staff will be adhering to social distancing and utilizing PPE for the safety of everyone. If you have individual needs, please contact your child’s classroom teacher. They will coordinate with the school so everyone can receive their materials and grade cards.

MAP Testing

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing starts this week! This is the adaptive assessment administered by the district to meet state requirements for assessing student knowledge and progress. The assessment is an important tool for our teachers to determine individual academic needs. It is imperative that students complete the assessment independently so we are able to provide individualized instruction. As a reminder, the assessment is adaptive which means that questions change based on student responses. In short, the better you do the harder it gets! If the test is hard, that means you are doing well!

Teachers will be sharing the schedule for their class with families. If you have questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

Food Drive

Our holiday event was such a huge success that we completely cleared out our food pantry! We need your help to fill it up again so we can continue to support our families. When you drop by school Tuesday or Wednesday to collect your student's materials and grade card, please consider bringing a few non-perishable food items to share. Collection bins will be clearly marked and right outside the main entrance. We have plans in the works to partner with Second Harvest for pantry stocking, which is very exciting! Thank you for helping us bridge the gap until that partnership is up and running!

Please contact rachel.hippel@mnps.org with questions or ideas on how you can help!

Book Breaks (2nd-4th grade)

Come hear a story and talk about books with Mrs. Bulbulkaya! These weekly book breaks are in addition to teacher scheduled library times for students in 2nd-4th grade. Book Breaks is an opportunity for 2nd through 4th grade students to have a consistent library time with Ms. Bulbulkaya.

2nd Grade: Wednesdays 10:45-11:15 [Teams Link](#)

3rd Grade: Tuesdays 2:00-2:30 [Teams link](#)

4th Grade: Tuesdays 10:45-11:15 [Teams Link](#) OR Wednesdays 1:30-2:00 [Teams Link](#)

(4th Grade may evolve to ProjectLit Book Club)

Virtual Return Information (Repeat)

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 (Repeat)

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 (Repeat)

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 (Repeat)

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

I am excited for a full week together of teaching and learning! Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping our Eagles achieve their dreams!

Sincerely,



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