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Eagles,

"There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."
Amanda Gorman, youngest inaugural poet in US history

Our quote this week is from "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman. Amanda's mother is a teacher and growing up she received special services for a speech impediment from an auditory processing disorder. As she spoke the powerful closing lines to her poem to millions of people, I could not help but think somewhere her former teachers must be brimming with pride as she made history. She is an inspiration and reminder that no matter the challenges there is always opportunity for greatness.

As always, we have a lot of information and opportunities this week!

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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COVID Risk Tracker Update

As of 1/22/21 the COVID Risk level was 7.9 out of 10. Dr. Battle has shared that once the COVID Risk Tracker is below 7 we will begin a phase-in return to in-person learning. I have not heard of a timeline for our return, but I will continue to share information with our families as it becomes available.

Eakin School Choice Open House

Do you know someone interested in joining our Eakin Family? This coming Thursday at 6:00 we will be hosting an Open House for prospective Eakin families. Please help us by spreading the word by sharing the event on Social Media and sending the Teams link with your friends! We hold an Open House for at least the next 3 weeks. The Teams link can be found [HERE](#). Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @EakinEagles

Magnet School Requirements

Last week at the PTO meeting we hosted Dr. Paul Changas, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment. Dr. Changas explained the process for determining magnet school eligibility. For our 4th grade parents, if you have questions regarding your child's magnet school eligibility, please contact our school counselor at erica.reynolds@mnps.org

Parent-to-Parent Middle School Options Meeting

This coming Wednesday at 6:00 Shana Dowell, one of our PTO co-presidents, will be hosting a 'Parent-to-Parent' meeting. After hosting Dr. Changas last week, we want to provide an opportunity for parents to openly discuss middle school options. This is not an official school facilitated event, but an opportunity for parents to connect virtually. Please join by clicking the Zoom link [HERE](#).

Last Week for Laptop Pick-up

The district shared with schools that this is the final week for laptop distribution. All remaining district issued laptops for virtual learning will be returned at the end of the week. If you need the newest laptop, please contact kelly.bulbulakay@mnps.org or sign up at <http://bit.ly/EakinNewLaptop>. The newest devices have a yellow IT tag on the bottom of the computer.

Library Curbside Pick-up

Curbside library pick-up is available on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. This was incorrectly listed in last week's call out. Books for pick-up will be placed on a bookshelf outside the doors on Fairfax Ave. To use the Eakin Library catalog to place books on hold, please visit <https://280.library.nashville.org>.

When reserving books, the students 190 numbers are the library card number and the pin is the student's birthday in the MMDD format. Please place holds by 2:00 pm the day before pickup. Your student will receive a message in Schoology when the books are available. Please contact kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org with questions.

ASL Pledge of Allegiance at Inauguration

At Eakin, we are proud of our students that are deaf and hard of hearing. We have two full-time Deaf Education teachers and several interpreters that serve our students. At the inauguration, Andrea Hall, the first Black woman to be named captain of the City of South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department, signed the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language. It was a special moment and as an Eakin family, we celebrate inclusion especially because affects our community.

That is all for this week! I look forward to seeing everyone bright and early tomorrow morning for announcements!

Sincerely,



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