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Eagles,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and was able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful fall weather! As I am sure you've realized by now, I have a deep affinity for quotes. Many of the quotes I share come from my favorite podcasts and books. This past week on the way to school, I was listening to *Lead to Win* by Michael Hyatt, who operates his leadership consulting company in nearby Franklin. During a recent podcast, he spoke to the power of perspective during challenging times by saying:

*One of the best questions you can ask when something negative happens is this:
'What does this experience make possible?'*

I love this quote and it continues to help shape my perspective. There are many reasons to feel uncertain as we head into the holiday season. For our Eakin family, I ask this question because in the midst of the most unique school year in our 84 year history, I am continually reminded of what we have made possible.

We continue to show the strength and love within our Eakin Family. What I have seen possible is that our incredible teachers can reach out and touch the lives of our children in the most amazing ways. All our teachers need is a computer screen or whiteboard to inspire students. I have learned that masks cannot hide smiles and joy and relationships can be built through car windows at drop off and dismissal. Moreover, the strength of our Eakin Family can overcome all circumstances.

Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your partnership and support. Thank you for sharing your children with us and choosing to be a part of our Eakin Family.

Now on to the information...

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.

[11/16 Announcements](#)

[11/17 Announcements](#)

[11/18 Announcements](#)

[11/19 Announcements](#)

[11/20 Announcements](#)

PTO Meeting (Monday)

This coming Monday at 6:00 via Zoom we will be hosting our monthly PTO meeting via Zoom. Our guest presenters will be our school counselors, Ms. Erica Reynolds and Ms. Alexandra Frank. They will be sharing information and strategies on how to recognize stress and anxiety in children and how you can support them. To join the meeting, please click the link [HERE](#). If you have questions, please contact EakinPTO@gmail.com

Library Curbside Pick-up

Library curbside pick-up for our virtual students will now be on Fridays. Please place holds by Thursday at 2:30 so books can be prepared for pick-up by the Fairfax doors on Friday. An email will be sent to the students email by Thursday late afternoon letting families know the books will be ready on Friday. If you need help placing a hold, please watch the following video [HERE](#) or email kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org with questions.

Morning Arrival Follow-up

For all of our morning car riders, thank you for your continued support with a safe and efficient arrival. I have been monitoring drop off times and am happy to report that back-up on the street has been clearing before 8:00. I understand the morning drop-off is a busy time and many families often have multiple stops before work. Being safe and efficient is the best way for us to work together for a wonderful start to the morning.

Additionally, I have received several inquiries asking why we are not holding early drop-off times like last year. Unfortunately, with COVID restrictions and staff limitations we do not have a safe way to welcome and monitor students prior to 7:45. I acknowledge early morning drop off was very helpful for many families and regret that we cannot offer it at this time. We do have every intention to begin early morning drop off once we are confident we can do so safely.

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! I look forward to seeing everyone for announcements tomorrow morning as we kick off another wonderful week as an Eakin Family focusing on the incredible possibilities that lay ahead of us!

Sincerely,



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