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“What you do says what is most important to you.
Action expresses priorities”
- Mahatma Gandhi

I am excited to welcome back into the building students returning for in-person learning. In many ways, this feels like the third or fourth “first day of school”. I am hopeful and confident that we are entering a space that we can continue for the remainder of the school year. I look forward to seeing everyone in the carline and once again hearing our hallways and classrooms filled with the joyous sounds only children can make.

Our quote this week is from Mahatma Gandhi, the primary leader of India’s independence movement whose life and teachings inspired many, including Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. His quote is a reminder for us to focus on what is most important. For our Eakin Family, our children and their education are most important. We provide a childhood for our students that will serve as the foundation for who they become as adults. I am incredibly proud of our Eakin Family and hope our decisions and actions continually reaffirm that your children are our topmost priority.

As always, we have a lot of information to share!

Morning Announcements

Starting our morning together as an Eakin family is one of the many highlights of my day! Even with some students returning 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!

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Asynchronous Learning Tomorrow (2/8)

Per Dr. Battle’s information shared with families and MNPS employees on our return to in-person learning, Monday will be an asynchronous learning day for all students. Please remember to log in and interact with Schoology before midnight in order to be marked present for the day. If you have questions on asynchronous assignments, please contact your child’s teacher.

ACCESS/WIDA Informational Night for EL Families

We will be hosting a virtual EL Family night about the upcoming WIDA ACCESS Test. This event will be held Monday, February 8 at 6:00pm. We will discuss the ACCESS Test and answer any questions families may have about the test itself, preparing your child, and COVID precautions. Be looking for an email and Bloomz announcement from Mrs. Reyes (né e Voehler) for the Teams link and more information if you are one of our EL families. You can also access the meeting by entering bit.ly/EakinWIDA (case sensitive) into the browser of any internet-enabled device.

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Valentine's Day is a very special holiday where we get to focus on sharing love and appreciation for others. With our return this week, we want everyone to be able to participate in a safe and inclusive manner. As such, as a school we are celebrating Valentine's Day by:

Pajama Day- Friday, February 12th

Scavenger Hunt - in building and virtually for teachers. Teachers will be facilitating this event. For in-person students, this will occur during transitions to limit hallway traffic.

Virtual Valentines – Teachers can choose to have students send virtual valentines to one another

We are not exchanging physical cards as a safety precaution and so all Eakin students can participate regardless of setting or means.

New Quarantine Guidelines

With the return to in-person learning, the district has updated their quarantine guidelines. They are as follows:

At minimum, students will log into schoology each day, complete assigned coursework, have access to recorded lessons, and have support from the classroom teacher with assignment or instruction questions.

If there is room, students can be provided access to a virtual class during quarantine. This means they will have access to the virtual teacher's Teams link or a separate virtual time with their in-person teacher. Even if the student were participating in virtual synchronous learning, their assignments would be submitted to their in-person teacher via Schoology.

February's Virtual PTO Meeting Theme: International Potluck

Mark your calendar now—Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.

Eakin's International Potluck is one of our most popular events of the year. The pandemic is preventing us from meeting in person, but that's OK, because we've got the next best thing—a virtual international potluck taking place during this month's virtual PTO meeting. Look for more information in next week's callout. Until then, mark your calendar for Feb. 23 and be thinking about what cultural traditions your family can share with our amazing Eakin community.

Library Curbside Pickup for Virtual Students

Curbside Pick Up will continue for virtual students only 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, do not hesitate to email librarian Kelly.Bulbulkaya@mnps.org

Students can return books at the Fairfax Ave doors or take them to any Nashville Public Library branch.

In-Person students PLEASE round up and return library books when you come to school this week.

Book Breaks for Grades 2-4 Continue for Virtual Students!

Come hear a story and talk about books with Mrs. Bulbulkaya! These weekly book breaks are offered to grade levels who do not have library in their Related Arts schedule.

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](#)

Virtual Related Arts Assignments (Repeat)

Related Arts graded assignments can be found in the homework folder in the RA teachers course page in Schoology. Please check this frequently as assignments are generally given each class period. The assignments will stay open until the end of the quarter, but students are encouraged to have assignments completed by the next class period.

Related arts classes will be 30 minutes, including classwork. Due to the differences in content areas, this could be 30 minutes of explicit instruction and classwork, and for others this could look like 10-15 minutes of explicit instruction and then 15-20 minutes of asynchronous work.

Related arts will be using the messaging platform in schoology to communicate with students about missing assignments. If you need to contact a RA teacher, you can message them on schoology OR you can email them directly

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Zach Ross (Music): zachary.ross@mnps.org

Kelly Bulbulkaya (Library, K-2 only): kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org

Hilary Strickland (PE-S): hilary.strickland@mnps.org

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I look forward to seeing everyone bright and early tomorrow morning for virtual announcements before a day of asynchronous learning before welcoming students back on Tuesday!

Sincerely,



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