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## Eagles,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween weekend! Earlier this week, I was reminded of the Chinese Proverb,

*"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is **now**"*

Looking back to last spring, we now have a lot of information and experience that would have been helpful to know then. Additionally, there is still a lot to learn in the coming months that I wish I could know now. The Chinese Proverb helps me because it serves as a reminder that we often can see our past much clearer than our future. While I do not know what the future holds, our past is a wonderful indication of where we are headed. We have been incredibly safe and successful in our return to the building. I am so proud of our teachers and families and how you all have come together in the now. We already have grown so much and I am excited for what our future holds together.

As always, there is a lot of information, so I will get right to it!

### 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.

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### Girl Scouts

Every year the Girl Scouts hold an informational meeting on campus. As of June 2016, a state law went into effect to enhance Girl Scouts relationships with schools across the state granting them access to share their programming. Due to COVID-19, this year the informational meeting is virtual. Please see the attached flyer for the Zoom link to meet with a Girl Scouts recruiter on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm.

### POSSIP Feedback

Thank you for all the families that continue to fill out the weekly POSSIP survey. We appreciate you taking the time to share your voice on what is going well and where we can continue to grow. This past week we had close to 150 individual responses! Some of the responses included feedback on:

#### Strengths

- Teachers are doing a wonderful job meeting unique needs during challenging times
- Safety measures in place have been effective
- Students are feeling comfortable with new teachers (for those that changed)
- The return to school has felt as normal as it could, which is a good thing!

*Opportunities for Growth*

- Eakin Wear – How to order for parents and adults
- Arrival and Dismissal– Clarity on procedures
- Technology – Device deployment

**Eakin Wear**

We are currently in development to shift our Eakin Wear sales to an online platform. We are in the process of getting district permissions and finalizing logistics. In the meantime, if you are interested in ordering Eakin Wear please contact [EakinPTO@gmail.com](mailto:EakinPTO@gmail.com). They can share what merchandise we have available and how you can order.

**Arrival and Dismissal***Car Riders*

We have been working on the most effective way to communicate procedures to our families. We have created signs and will be passing out a ½-page summary of car rider procedures soon! In the meantime, I have attached a copy of the morning Car Rider sign we will be holding with procedural reminders. They are:

*For a safe and efficient arrival...*

1. Drive as far forward as possible
2. Parents, please remain in the car
3. Have your backpack ready
4. Have your lunchbox ready
5. Have your mask on
6. Exit onto the sidewalk
7. Follow the car in front of you

*Bus Riders*

Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing, our bus driver needs to take two separate trips. As such, our afternoon bus riders have been divided into two separate groups. If you have a question about your child's bus route, please contact our assistant principal, Dr. Ashley Roby, at [ashley.robby@mnps.org](mailto:ashley.robby@mnps.org)

**Technology Deployment**

Ms. Bulbulkaya and her amazing team of helpers have been hard at work preparing and imaging over 300 laptops for student use. This past week they were able to deliver laptops to in-person students. These laptops replace the school laptops that were deployed before school started. If you have any questions with technology, please email [kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org](mailto:kelly.bulbulkaya@mnps.org).

**Donating Disposable Cups for Students in PE**

We have many students that are bringing water bottles back and forth to school. Additionally, we also have many water bottles on hand to pass out to students and are in process of ordering water bottles with our new logo for every student. In the meantime, we still have a need for students in PE who need water and do not have a bottle with them. Please consider donating a sleeve of plastic cups to Coach Strickland and Coach Warren. Students can bring their donated cups to class and the teacher can make sure our amazing PE teachers receive them.

**Donating Standard School Attire (SSA)**

Great news is that we're running low on SSA because we have been so active with meeting student needs. Please help us replenish our SSA inventory by donating solid colored shirts, black, khaki, or navy pants, and Eakin Wear that your child has outgrown. To donate please send the clothes in a bag with your student or drop them off at the main office. If you have questions, please contact [rachel.hippel@mnps.org](mailto:rachel.hippel@mnps.org).

**Take a Titan to School**

Would you like a Titan to virtually visit Eakin with your child? If so, please upload a short video telling News 2 WKRN why your child would like to take a Titan to school. As a part of the visit, the Titan will meet the class and the event will be included in one of the newscasts between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. that Monday. To participate please submit your video [HERE](#).

**Eakin Eats at Chipotle**

We are all set for Eakin Chipotle Night at the 2825 West End location on Wednesday November 4 from 4:00 through 8:00 pm. Let the store know you're with Eakin and a portion of the proceeds will be sent to our amazing PTO. Mobile ordering is available with promo code AQ26L28. Feed your family with some great food and support the school all in one easy trip! Please see the flyer attached to this call out with more information and instructions.

I look forward to seeing everyone Monday for another wonderful week! As a reminder, there is no school on Tuesday for Election Day. See you bright and early tomorrow for announcements!

Sincerely,



*Executive Principal, Eakin Elementary School*