

## **Upcoming Events...**

- **Wednesday, Oct. 6th—Picture Day**
- **Wednesday, Oct 13th - Title One Meeting/SEC - 5:00pm**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 13th - MFIS PTA Meeting**
- **Tuesday, October 19th and Wednesday, October 20th- Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Masks are required for all staff, students and visitors in all MPS buildings. Masks are also required when riding the school bus. Please make sure that your child arrives at school wearing a mask.**

## **Message from Mme Harer**

Here at MFIS, we believe in a strong connection between family and school. Great communication between families and schools have shown to have great effects on student learning. Please read the information below on Seesaw for communicating with your child's teacher. Information to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences will be coming.

As the month of September winds down, fall weather has arrived! Please remember to send your child with clothing for the cooler weather so they can enjoy their time outside.

Please remember that reading to your child in English every day is extremely important. Every minute of reading counts!

Thank you all for being a part of the MFIS family.

Mme Harer

## **Seesaw for Communication**

Please make sure that you are signed up for your child's Seesaw account. This is the main venue for parent communication from the school. Beginning with the next newsletter, we will be sending it out via Seesaw. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## **Health and COVID Questions**

Please keep your child home if they have a cough, fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. Please see this [handout](#) from MPS for guidelines on when to stay home and when your children can return to school.

If your child has COVID symptoms while at school, our school nurse Ms. Slusher, will reach out to you to discuss the specifics on quarantining and testing. If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will receive a letter from me with the specific dates.

If your child tests positive for COVID or if they have been in close contact with someone who tested positive, please contact our school nurse at 874-8448 so that we can follow up with any protocols and protective measures.

While quarantining, teachers will reach out to you via Seesaw or phone to schedule check-ins throughout the day with your child. Work will be provided via Seesaw or Google Classroom. Please communicate with your child's teacher through Seesaw around the learning opportunities presented.

## **Chromebook Distribution**

Every student should have received a Chromebook last week, unless you checked it out during the Meet and Greet, already had one from the spring, or had stated that you didn't need one. If your child still needs one, please call the main office 874-8400.

## **Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders**

Parent drive thru drop-off is northbound on 52nd Street, on the school side of the street. We would like to treat it as a one way street, so please do not head south on 52nd Street.

Student supervision begins at 8:45am on the playground. Please do not leave your child unattended on the playground.

Please remember there is no parking on the school side of 51st, 52nd, Meineke and North Ave., before or after school. Parking is available on Meineke between 52nd and 53rd Streets, 53rd Street, or the Imago Dei Church parking lot.

**\*\*Please do not park in the US Bank parking lot in the morning.\*\***

## **Bussing**

We are still continuing to have cancelled buses. The office staff will call you if your child's bus has been cancelled. Thank you all for your flexibility and patience.

## **Early Dismissal and Any Changes to End of Day**

MFIS families we are returning to a previous school policy of no early dismissal pickups after 3:00pm. Our office staff has tried to accommodate family needs, however, with the transportation issues with bussing, the office staff needs to be able to communicate with families when bussing issues arise.

If you need to make changes to your child's end of day routine, those requests must be made to the office **before 2pm** (414-874-8400). This will allow for enough time to communicate the change to your child's teacher. Please remember our teachers do instruct until the end of the day and frequent early dismissals disrupt the day for all students and can lead to truancy problems for your child.

## **MFIS Before and After Camp**

All new applications turned in **are being added to a waiting list**. Students will not be able to start camp until the parent is notified by Mme. Banks. If you would like your child to be in line for a spot in camp, please contact Mme. Banks and an application will be sent home with your child.

## **Healthy Food Policy**

At MFIS we are trying to promote healthy eating. **Please do not send cupcakes, cakes, cookies, candy or other sugary treats to school.** Healthy snack alternatives are sliced apples, bananas, cuties, vegetables, yogurt, raisins, cheese and crackers, etc. On special occasions teachers will notify you if sugary treats are allowed. For lunch, please do not send any fast food. We have free, healthy lunch available from the cafeteria.

## **This Week's Links:**

**MPS Volunteer Application:**

<http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Community/Get-Involved/Volunteer.htm>