

Upcoming Events...

- **Tuesday, October 19th and Wednesday, October 20th- Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)**
- **NO SCHOOL - Friday, October 22, 2021 and Monday October 25th**
- **Book Fair- 10/12-10/19 <https://mfispta.org/pta-events/scholastic-book-fair/>**
- **MFIS Spirit Week- 10/26-10/29**
 - **Tuesday- Pajama Day (remember shoes for PE and recess!)**
 - **Wednesday- Support your favorite team or wear your favorite color**
 - **Thursday- MFIS Spirit Wear Day**
 - **Friday- Wear a costume! (nothing scary or violent, no costume masks)**

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

As a school community, all of us have a responsibility in the education of our children. We need to be mindful of the modeling we are showing our kids. We all have seen school board meetings with adults yelling at each other, calling each other names, and being incredibly disrespectful to one another. We need to model good, positive, respectful problem solving and conflict resolution for our children.

Here at MFIS, we want our students to talk to us about any kind of problem that comes up at school, so we can ensure that all students feel safe and comfortable in our learning environment.

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

Mme Harer

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. Please call Ms. Slusher, our nurse, at 874-8448 with any questions.

There have been a few questions about when a classroom or the school would switch to virtual learning. If a classroom has five confirmed cases within 14 days, the classroom will switch to the flexible scheduling/virtual learning environment for 10 days. If the school has 3% of the total population with confirmed COVID cases within 14 days, the school will switch to the flexible scheduling/virtual learning environment for 10 days. Mme Harer will send out information if we get close for either of those metrics so families can prepare.

Inclement Weather Dismissal- Parent Pick Up

We have been listening to your feedback as parents for our inclement weather dismissal. We have changed our procedure. All children will be sent with the youngest sibling so parents will only have one place to pick up their children.

K4 and K5 students (with their siblings) will be picked up at the Tot Lot doors. The gate will be open and families will line up, K4 on the left, and K5 on the right.

1st-5th grade students will be picked up at the main doors. Parents will line up outside the southernmost main door, and they will be allowed to walk through the foyer to gather their children, then leave out the ramp door. Parents must have a mask to enter the building. We do not have spare masks for adults. Parents that do not have masks will have to wait until after all other parents have gathered their children and a staff member is available to take their children to the door.

Halloween

At MFIS we want to ensure that seasons and holidays don't define and drive the curriculum of the program and we discourage the overuse of holiday curriculum. We are not advocating eliminating holidays, or depriving students of the opportunities to celebrate. We acknowledge the diversity of our student population and the many different ways they celebrate holidays. For Halloween, students will be allowed to wear

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costumes on October 29th as part of our Spirit Week, although we will not be having celebrations in the classroom. Please do not bring treats to school.

- Costumes must be nonviolent (no weapons) and not scary.
- Students still need to wear their face masks per COVID protocol. Other types of face coverings, as part of a costume, are not allowed.

Early Dismissal and Pick Up Reminders

We have been having many children here after 4:05 for parent pick-up. The end of the work day for our staff is 4:05. Please ensure that you are here, picking up your child/children by 4:05. Every time we have children picked up late, we have to pay staff members for their additional time. This takes money away from educational opportunities for your children. Beginning next week, we will start charging a late pick up fee for families picking up after 4:05.

There are **no early dismissal pickups after 3:00pm** and the office needs to know before 2:00pm (414-874-8400). 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.

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.

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. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

MFIS Annual Title 1 Meeting

The MFIS Annual Title 1 meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 27th, at 5:00pm. Come out and learn how the Title 1 school wide program is used at MFIS to generate high levels of academic achievement for all students. The link to the meeting is provided at the bottom of this newsletter.

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 at 414-874-8470 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.

Student Recruitment

If you would like to help us with student recruitment this year, please fill out the following link. <https://forms.gle/KyFrQ11XHxcdSBGfA>

Volunteer Policy

MFIS welcomes our virtual or in-person volunteers. Please fill out the online volunteer form to start the volunteer process. In-person volunteers are required to submit proof of Covid-19 vaccination. Once the online form is completed, please speak with your child's teacher to learn about volunteering opportunities. If you have any questions, please call Mme. Banks at 414-874-8470.

<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Community/Get-Involved/Volunteer/MPS-Volunteer-Application-Process.htm>

PTA Information

PTA has created an online sign-up for PTA specific volunteer opportunities. Please click on the link below if you are interested in volunteering with the PTA.

<https://signup.com/go/rLmFGrn>

The PTA also has their website up and running! On the website, you will find information on joining the PTA, the online store for ordering school apparel, links to the MFIS Newsletter, and information about your child's teachers. Visit mfispta.org

Milwaukee French Immersion School Foundation

The Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation (MFIF) is a non-profit that raises funds to support French language learning at MPS. We meet virtually, the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Our next meeting is November 9th. Contact Morgan at ms.mojo.b@gmail.com to learn more and to get the meeting link. Also, come to our brief 30 minute Foundation introduction to learn all of the ways you can help support MFIF. It will be November 12th at 6pm for just 1/2 hour!
<https://meet.google.com/qnz-yvfo-dzt>

This Week's Links:

MPS Volunteer Application:

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

SEC and Title 1 Meeting 10/27/21 at 5:00pm: <https://meet.google.com/igy-qaqx-rfr>

MFIS PTA Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96962121232> Password: mfisPTA

MFIF Meeting Link for 11/12 <https://meet.google.com/qnz-yvfo-dzt>

MFIS Fall Conferences 10/19 &10/20 - [Fall 2021 Conference Links](#)