

October 13, 2020

MMS Families,

With the long weekend and the short weeks, I decided to combine last week and this week's updates into one. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the long weekend and our (potentially) last 70+ degree day on Saturday. We, as a school community, have been working hard to keep our students safe and in school. Thank you for all of your help outside of school keeping our students healthy and safe. I know it hasn't been easy to keep students who'd usually "give it a go" home from school based on symptoms, but we appreciate all of the efforts. Some updates are below:

- **IMPORTANT** - Please take a moment to take this **planning survey for Quarter Two** by Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. <https://forms.gle/rhy4AsGYmctYR8zL8> (be sure to click submit at the end). I would like to have the data to work with this weekend and next to plan for the seamless transition of students in or out of school. This is important data for us, particularly for those students/families making a change from in-person to remote or from remote to in-person. Our in-school spacing relies on this accurate data while we make plans.
- **Picture Day** is scheduled on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We ask that our remote students come in between 12:30pm – 2pm (if this doesn't work, please call in advance). Additionally, to order before picture day use the following information: [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and the Picture Day ID: EVTZJ7MX9
- Reminder of **workshop days** added for Friday, 10/16 and Friday, 10/23. The previously scheduled workshop day on Friday, 11/6 is still being held as well.
- Last Thursday, Mr. Gartley posted the **District's Remote Learning Guide**: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/130urzGTcWeegAGpU-KttVe12l89RyvWq/view>. This is the framework we will use if/when we have to go fully remote. At the MS, we will follow the same schedule we do in school (with some minor tweaks) for consistency and to prevent overlapping of programs. Communication and the assigning of work will be done using Google Classroom (as it is now).
- **Lunch and Breakfast** are still offered free to all students. I just want to reiterate this as not as many students are taking advantage of it as I thought would.
- Please be sure to call or send a note when a student is out of school for an excused reason (illness, for example).
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held virtually and will be around the second week of November. We are finalizing dates and plans now. We will communicate the plan and sign up document as soon as we are able.

Thank you,  
Sam