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MMS Families,

I likely will not send an update next week on the short week, so I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time to relax. I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! I know it may look different for each of us this year, but hopefully we can make the best of it. For me it will be much smaller/quieter than ever before and will be nice to have this laid-back time with my immediate family at home. I also want to express that I am thankful for all members of the MMS community for everyone's help in making this fall as successful as it was. I have some updates below:

- **Picture Retake Day** will be the morning of Wednesday, December 9th. This is what we received for information from Lifetouch: Anyone who did not like their pictures should bring the package back to the camera on retake day. If it's digital, just send a printout of the order confirmation.
- **Pictures are in**, so Remote families who had pictures taken, you may stop by MMS to pick them up. Someone is in the office from 7:30am – 4pm each day.
- Typically, **laptops** are kept at school over Thanksgiving break (and other longer vacations). However, with the rise in cases and the uncertainty that surrounds each and every day this year, it would be best if the laptops did go home over break just in case. That would eliminate a pick-up/delivery scenario should we need to go remote. There are some laptops that remain at school for various reasons. These laptops will be delivered if needed.
- As the Superintendent has shared, our goals are to keep our students / staff safe and to continue to provide families with the option of remote or fully in person learning. However, if the conditions in our schools change and we have to go fully remote, we want to be prepared. One thing we want to be prepared with is providing meals to those who would like them. Please answer the **following short survey about meals** to help us be ready in case we need to make this change:
<https://forms.gle/ZuwArY1XmUHkMaa96>
- I also remind everyone that **if you travel outside of the approved states**, you must get a negative test or quarantine for 14 days. This includes students and adults. If you have questions feel free to reach out to me or Jayne Champagne (jchampagne@rsu18.org) our school nurse.
- Reminder to **wash masks** at home on a regular basis. We have additional masks here for students who need them.

Thank you and have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Sam