

TMS Principal's Weekly News Update

January 29, 2021



Student Council

TIGER PRIDE MONTH

TMS Student Council is encouraging staff and students at Thompson Middle School to show our Tiger Pride every Friday in February.

We are also working on making a video showing our love for our school. When you are in your Tiger Pride attire (anything **red & black**), send a quick 10 second video saying why you love TMS to Mr. Polun. The video theme is **“WHY WE LOVE TMS!!!!”** This is all optional of course, but let’s show our love for our school and have some fun doing it!

Upcoming events

- 2/05/2021 – E.R.D.
 - 2/08/2021 – BOE Meeting
 - 2/10/2021 – E.R.D.
 - 2/12/2021 – E.R.D.
 - 2/15/2021 – No School (Feb Break)
 - 2/16/2021 – No School (Feb Break)
 - 2/17/2021 – No School (PD Day)
 - 2/19/2021 – E.R.D.
 - 2/26/2021 – E.R.D.
- (Early release days = E.R.D.)



Staying Healthy Reminder!

The Thompson Middle School community has been doing all the things we need to in order to keep everyone healthy!

Remember we need to:

- Keep our masks on properly
- Cover our coughs and sneezes
- Wash our hands
- Keep proper distancing while in school and out in the community especially when we are not wearing our masks



Thank you for doing your part and keep up the great work!

*Early release days (E.R.D.) for students on Friday's will continue through the end of **March**. (Walkers and parent pick up dismissal will be at 11:20 AM and bus dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.)*



This is what is happening next week:

<u>Monday</u> <u>2/1</u> <u>Day 1</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>2/2</u> <u>Day 2</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>2/3</u> <u>Day 3</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>2/4</u> <u>Day 4</u>	<u>Friday</u> <u>2/5</u> <u>Day 5</u>
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Falling Grades

As we are a couple of weeks past the mid-part of the 2020-2021 school year, it is an appropriate time to remind parents and students that to be promoted to the next grade, a student must receive a final passing grade (60 or better) in 4 out of 5 of the major subjects. The major subjects include ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and a passing average of all Unified Art Classes. Any 8th grade students not passing four major subjects will not be allowed to participate in the Move-Up Ceremony. Should a child be in jeopardy of not being promoted, parents will receive a formal communication from the TMS Administration.



Cold Weather

BRRRRR



Please keep in mind that students will continue going outside for physical education, cardio, mask breaks, and recess. Bring your jacket, hat, and gloves to school as needed. Please contact the TMS Guidance office if your child is in need of a winter coat!



School Pictures Are Coming!

School pictures through Lifenet Photography, which were cancelled in September, have been rescheduled for **March 29th**. More information will be available in the near future.



Google Classroom

Attendance

Please note that in order to be considered a distance learner and have access to live ZOOM classes, you need to contact your child's guidance counselor to make this change. It is not automatic that if you are absent from school you can login as a distance learner. You can access your Google classrooms for assignments if you choose to do so. The same is true, if you are a distance learner and would like your child to be an in-school learner, you will also need to contact the guidance department. It is not immediate and could take a few days to make the transition possible because of the numerous people involved between scheduling, transportation, and data entry.



Distance Learning Attendance

Distance learner attendance is recorded daily during first period (7:25 – 8:29). Therefore, distance learning students must attend their live classes during first period to be counted as present for the day. Attendance in live classes is still expected for the remainder of the day, but in-school circumstances, such as teacher absence or technology failures, may arise that alter those expectations. If live lessons are not available for any reason, please check for information and instructional expectations in your Google classrooms. Just as if the student were in school, parents should notify the office if a distance learning student will not be attending class(es) on a particular day.