



## TMS Principal's Weekly News Update! | December 11, 2020

### 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!**

### Zoom Classes

Parents and students are reminded that while attending Zoom classes, students should be seated and dressed appropriately. Students should not be in bed covered with blankets, half dressed, etc. Students should be seated without distractions, demonstrating their attentiveness and focus, and actively engaged in the lesson. We realize that some homes have space limitations especially with multiple children in the home distance learning at the same time. However, we hope that parents and students will make every effort to adhere to these expectations to ensure that our students are experiencing the best possible learning opportunities that we can provide during these challenging times.



### Student Council



The 10th Annual PJ Day for Kids took place today, December 11, 2020. All proceeds are donated to Connecticut Children's Medical Center in support of Cancer and Blood Disorder patients. More than

\$1,000,000 has been raised to date! Pajama Day, which is celebrated across schools in Connecticut, is a way to help patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thompson Middle School joined the event this year and even though we were learning remotely on December 11th, we were still able to raise **\$315** so far. Great job TMS!!!



Look for pictures in next week's News Update!



### Remote Learning Days

To be consistent and avoid confusion, we will be using the **Extended** Remote Learning Schedule for all remote learning days. Remote learning days, will begin with morning announcements at 8:00 AM. We will generally try to re-send the schedule and announcements link whenever these days occur to make it easy for everyone to find.



### Student Rest



It has been brought to our attention by several of our teachers, that not only are some students missing Zoom classes entirely, but others are logging into classes lethargic and half awake, and in some cases with their heads down and falling asleep. Students are reporting to teachers that they are tired because they are staying up until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning playing video games, watching tv, or on their cell phones. For students to function effectively in school, especially in these conditions, it is important that our students are getting a good night's sleep. Students should be well rested, have breakfast, and be ready to go at 8:00 AM.



Early release days for students on Fridays will continue through the end of December. We will follow our normal early release day schedule. *(Walkers and parent pick up dismissal will be at 11:20 AM and bus dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.)*

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## Tips for Chromebook issues from our Technology Department

- If you are experiencing sound, Zoom, or any Chromebook issues a reboot fixes many problems
- Please log out at least once a day or turn your Chromebook off when finished, so that you receive updates
- If your internet seems slow call your internet service provider to make sure you have the most up to date equipment (modem)
- If you still have issues you can reset your Chromebook by holding down the refresh and power button simultaneously (see below image)
- When you reboot apps and extensions that we push out, such as zoom, may take up to two minutes to install
- Headphones or earbuds seem to help with sounds issues

Please email Heather Burns if you continue to have any issues with your Chromebook or internet.

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