

Martin Luther King School

*“Where our students and staff are Poised, Positive and Productive”*

## **Dr. Gray’s Sunday Snapshot**

Week of June 14, 2021



Good Evening King School families, this is Dr. Gray, with your Sunday Snapshot for the week of June 14th.

- **Career Day:**
  - Parents, thank you so much for participating in Friday’s career day. Because of your kindness and support, our students had the chance to learn about a variety of careers all morning long.
  - Special thanks to Dr. Diamantis and Mrs. Fleming for coordinating the event.
  
- **This Week’s Schedule:**
  - Just a reminder that this Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school.
  - Monday and Thursday of this week will be early dismissal days, and students will be dismissed at 12:25pm.
  
- **iPad Insurance:**
  - There will be two virtual information nights to explain the process for iPad insurance. They will be held July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> and I encourage to attend one of these sessions to learn about getting insurance for your child’s iPad next school year.
  - We will send a reminder email this week with the details.
  
- **Hybrid Learning Model Update:**  
**All of our hybrid students will continue come to school 5 five days.**
  - Please keep in mind that in-person students will be marked absent if they do not report to school each day.
  - In-person students will not be permitted to log into school remotely if they are absent from school. Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss any special circumstances.
  - Please be sure to call or email us if your child cannot come to school due to illness.

- Although the in-person students will now be coming to school 5 days each week, the procedures and expectations for our fully remote students will remain unchanged.
- Please note that Monday and Fridays will continue to be early dismissal days.

**Important Reminders for STUDENTS in the hybrid model:**

- Please bring your **iPad** to school each day and make sure it is fully charged.
- Please bring your **iPad charger** in case you need to charge your iPad during the day.
- Please bring **headphones or earbuds**.

**Important Reminders for PARENTS of students in the hybrid model:**

- Continue to complete the **COVID DAILY PARENT FORM** on Genesis by 7:30am, each morning your child comes to school.
- Please make sure your child brings his/her **iPad** to school charged, along with the charger and headphones.
- Continue to use the staff parking lot to drop off (starting at 7:45am) & to pick up your child if you are transporting them. Students will enter and exit from Door 7 – the one closest to the parking lot. Staff will be outside before and after school to direct and assist you.
- Finally parents, just a reminder that breakfast and lunch is free for all students. No one will be billed or required to pay at any time. All students can take advantage of this service.
- Access **HYBRID LEARNING INFO** under the Parent Center tab on our school website for various documents related to hybrid learning:

[https://king.piscatawayschools.org/parent\\_center/hybridlearninginfo](https://king.piscatawayschools.org/parent_center/hybridlearninginfo)

**Important information for STUDENTS & PARENTS in the hybrid model:**

- Students will be able to enter the building at 7:45am and the late bell rings at 8:05am.
- On Mondays and Fridays students will be dismissed at 12:25pm.
- On Tuesdays through Thursdays, students will be dismissed at 2:20pm.
- A 25-minute lunch will be held in the cafeteria each day and on Tuesdays through Thursdays students will also have a 25-minute recess.

• **PTO Updates:**

**PTO Elections:**

- Special thanks to this year's PTO president Dr. Gordon, and the entire MLK PTO board for all of the time, commitment, and care you put into each event and activity you led during this unprecedented school year.

- Parents the 2021-2022 MLK PTO elections took place on June 8th, and another phenomenal board has been assembled to manage the PTO for next school year.
- If you have any questions, or would like to be involved in next year's MLK PTO, please contact the PTO at [pwaymlkpto@gmail.com](mailto:pwaymlkpto@gmail.com)

#### **Yearbooks:**

- This year's yearbooks are still on sale via the MLK PTO Cheddar Up link below:

**Yearbook Cheddar Up Link:** <https://mlk-yearbook-2020-2021.cheddarup.com/>

- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade families who are PTO members will receive 1 free yearbook.
- All other PTO member families will pay \$15 if you want to purchase a yearbook.
- Non-PTO member families will pay \$20 if you want to purchase a yearbook.
- The yearbooks should arrive to the school later this week. We will give them directly to the in-person students, and will be in touch with families about how we will disseminate the yearbooks to the fully remote students.

- Email [pwaymlkpto@gmail.com](mailto:pwaymlkpto@gmail.com) with questions about any of the above items.

#### **See Your Teachers & Pick-up Gifts:**

- We look forward to our fully remote students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to see their teachers and to pick up special gifts from their teachers and from me and Ms. Blanshaft.
- This will be a "drive-by" event like our previous pick up days, and all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be outside to wave, say hello, take a picture, and to give you your gifts.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, we hope you can make time to drive your child to the school on:
  - Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:45 and 3:00pm
- It has been a challenging year for all of us, but we want it to end in a very special way by having the chance to see each one of our remote students in person. We look forward to seeing each of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade remote students on tomorrow June 14!
- Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, if you weren't able to bring your child to school on Friday, you can bring pick up your child's gift during school hours this week.

#### **School Procedures Reminders:**

Parents, just a reminder for both in-person and remote students, we ask that you continue to follow normal school procedures if your child needs to miss school due to illness or for any other reason, or may need to sign in late to Zoom or sign out early. Parents, also be reminded that whether your child is hybrid or fully remote, we're asking you to notify us when your child will be missing school.

Parents of hybrid students, please be sure to inform us if your child is not in school on their assigned hybrid day. We need to keep track of why he/she is missing school, even if they are able to sign in remotely that day.

- Absences: Please call our main office attendance extension to report the absence. Ms. Mueller (732) 699-1563 x5444
- Sign-in Late or Sign-out Early: Please email your child's homeroom teacher.
- Special Medical Information: Please contact Ms. Fink our School Nurse (732) 699-1563 x5443

- **Weekly Schedule:**

Parents and students, just a reminder that until further notice every Monday and Friday will continue to be early dismissal days for students, and their Zoom classes will end at 12:25pm. Hybrid students will be dismissed from school at 12:25pm.

- **PTO Facebook:**

Parents, the MLK PTO invites you to join their Facebook group. The information will be shared in the Sunday Snapshot email.

**PTO Facebook Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/MLKPTOPiscataway>

- **PTO Membership & PTO Amazon Smile Fundraiser:**

Parents, just a reminder that information about PTO membership and supporting King School through Amazon Smile will be included in the Sunday Snapshot email. All proceeds from membership and Amazon Smile will be used to support our students.

\*The PTO is continuing to accept membership through the Cheddar Up website. The direct link to Cheddar Up is below:

**MLK Cheddar Up Link:** <https://mlk-intermediate-membership.cheddarup.com>

\*Parents, if you shop on Amazon, why not help King School in the process by signing up for Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile link is below:

**Amazon Smile Link:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-3271165>

- **Spirit Day:**

Since Monday is Flag Day, it will be "**Flag Day Spirit Day.**" Wear the colors Red, White and Blue.

This is not only my final Sunday Snapshot of the year, but believe it or not... it's my final Sunday Snapshot! If you haven't already heard, this is my last week as the principal of Martin Luther King School. While I am excited that I will remain in the district in my new role, I will definitely miss being the principal for you and your families. King School has an amazing culture of learning-full of such talented, kind and committed teachers and staff that we have across the entire school. During my time at King School, I have also been fortunate to have the best group of students and families I could ever ask for as a principal. I don't consider my move as being better... I just consider it a different type of opportunity to continue to make an impact on King School while now having the chance to make an impact within each school across our entire district.

Parents, I am so thankful for the ongoing support you have afforded me, and the trust you placed in me to as your child's principal. As I continue to serve the students and families of Piscataway, I promise to approach my new role with the same passion, dedication, and understanding that I have done my best to give each day as principal.

Students, thank you for your ongoing positive energy and kindness. You each have helped bring out the best in me, and have encouraged me to work hard each day to be the best principal possible and the type of principal you each deserved. I promise to continue to work tirelessly to ensure that each of you, and all of the other students in our Piscataway schools receive the best education possible, have endless opportunities available to them, and are given the tools and support to reach your goals.

I hope you and your families have a positive and productive summer!

**“Let's Continue to Stay Connected”**

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

#### **June**

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| • Flag Day – Wear Red, White & Blue                                    | June 14 |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade “See your teacher & gift pick-up” (12:45-3:00) | June 14 |
| • Last Day of School (early dismissal – 12:25pm)                       | June 17 |