Martin Luther King School

"Where our students and staff are Poised, Positive and Productive"

Dr. Gray's Sunday Snapshot

Week of May 24, 2021

Good Evening King School families, this is Dr. Gray, with your Sunday Snapshot for the week of May 24th.

- **Hybrid Learning Model Update:**
  All of our hybrid students will continue come to school 5 five days. There is no longer a "group 1" or a "group 2."

  - 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/h_y_b_r_i_d_l_e_a_r_n_i_n_g_i_n_f_o

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.

- **Career Day:**
  - Parents, we wil be having our Annual Career Day on Friday June 11th. Although it will be virtual, we know it can still be a meaningful learning experience for our students.
  - To make it easier for you to register to participate, we created a simple Google Form for you to complete, and all of the information will be sent directly to us.

    The link is below:

    https://forms.gle/qLZaptM2yCCBQ6ih9

  - I am personally requesting that a few parents from each class volunteer to participate by signing up to present to your child's class "live" via Zoom on the morning June 11th. Unlike in the past where you had to take time to physically come to the building, you can now simply take 10-15 minutes right from you place of business or from your home to share information with your child's class.
  - If you cannot arrange to present "live" to your child's class, parents (or family members) can also record a video about your career in advance for the teacher to show the class on June 11th. Just indicate that option on the Google Form.

- **PTO Updates:**

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

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

    - All 5th 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.

  - Parents of 4th grade students, On June 8th at 6:00pm, the MLK PTO will be conducting elections for next year's PTO Board. If you are interested in running for a position, nominations must be submitted by June 1st to the MLK PTO email address: pwaymlkpto@gmail.com

  - The PTO is still conducting the SchoolStore fundraiser, a 100% online fundraiser that generates funds for teachers while students earn prizes. Hybrid students should have brought home the information already, and we're working on getting the information to the remote students.

  - **Email pwaymlkpto@gmail.com with questions about any of the above items.**

- **General Parent Information:**
  If you would like to move your child to the hybrid model and haven't informed us, please call our main office and Mrs. Borges will be happy to assist you. We will first check to make sure there is room in your child's class, the she will give you a call with the details and to confirm when your child might be able to start.

- **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.

  On Mondays and Friday from about 1:00-2:20pm teachers will continue to be available to support students in various ways, which may include students signing back into their Zoom sessions to interact with teachers. Teachers will make sure students understand their availability and what they can expect to take place during those afternoon hours.

- **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

- **Virtual Academic Helpdesk:**
  Parents and students, the district is continuing to offer Virtual Academic Helpdesks for students to receive immediate feedback and direction directly from content area teachers on designated days and hours. Details and links are always included in my Sunday Snapshot

email and can also be found under the Curriculum and Instruction tab on the district website.

Below are the content areas, days, times, and links:

4-5 ELA	T, TH, 4:30pm-5:30pm	45ela@pway.org
4-5 Math	M, W, 3:30pm-4:30pm	45math@pway.org
4-5 Science	T, TH, 2:30pm-3:30pm	45sci@pway.org
4-5 Social Studies	M, W, 2:30pm-4:30pm	45soc@pway.org

- **Friday Spirit Day:**
  With Memorial Day approaching, Friday's school spirit day will be **"Red, White & Blue Day."**

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

"Let's Remember to Stay Connected"

Upcoming Important Dates

May

- Red, White & Blue Spirit Day — May 28
- Memorial Day (Schools Closed) — May 31

June

- Day after Memorial Day (Schools Closed) — June 1
- 5th Grade Virtual Middle School Orientation — June 33
- MLK PTO Elections (6:00pm) — June 8
- Career Day — June 11
- Last Day of School — June 17