

Martin Luther King School

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

Dr. Gray's Sunday Snapshot

Week of September 14th, 2020



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

- **First Week of School:**

Students and parents, thank you for making this a successful first week of school. We were excited that students were able to access their classes through Zoom, and that we were able to work together to resolve any minor challenges that arose. As we continue to remain in communication and work together, this remote learning process will become even more seamless in the days and weeks to come. Ms. Blanshaft and I enjoyed popping into various classes, and will continue to do so each day, just to say hello, to see your faces, and to see the great learning that is taking place.

- **iPads & Book Curbside Pick-up:**

Parents of 4th grade students, we truly enjoyed meeting you on Wednesday as you picked up the items for your child. We appreciated your flexibility and understanding as well as your kind words of support. Like we shared with you on Wednesday, please feel free to reach out to us at any time if have questions, or if we can be of assistance to you and your child.

Parents of 5th grade students, we enjoyed seeing you on Thursday as you picked up the books for your child. We anticipate the 5th grade iPads arriving to the school in a few weeks, and we will keep you posted on a possible pick-up date. We also thank you for your continued patience and understanding, as well as all of the kind sentiments you expressed. Like last year, we continue to be here if you ever need us.

- **Daily Schedule/Zoom Links:**

Students and parents, hopefully, the schedule we shared with you prior to the start of school has been working well. Later this week we will share a new schedule that will be even more user friendly. It will look exactly the same, however, instead of the Zoom links at the top, each class on the schedule itself will be a hyperlink that when selected will take you directly to that teacher's class.

- **Music Programs:**

Please note that information about our band, chorus and orchestra programs will be shared directly from our music teachers later this week. Mr. Buchanan will also include information for the 4th grade students about the recorders.

- **Schoology:**

Students and parents, Schoology is very important and will be used in a variety of ways by our teachers, and we want to make sure you have access. There is a process for students to access Schoology and a way for parents to have access as well. The homeroom teachers have been providing students with their Schoology passwords this week, so all students should have that information by now. If not, they will receive their password this week. Please note that homeroom teachers can assist you with accessing the information necessary for Schoology.

- **Supply List:**

Parents, just a reminder that the school supply list is available on our school website under *Quick Links*. If you have questions about specific supplies, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

We also have a convenient way to purchase all of the supplies online through School Tool Box.

-Just go to: Schooltoobox.com

-Type in: MLK 08854

-You will be able to select Martin Luther King Intermediate School and you will see options for 4th and 5th grade. You can purchase the package as listed or customize your order by adding or deleting items.

- **Important Dates:**

At the end of the transcript of each Sunday Snapshot I will now include a list of "Upcoming Important Dates" by month. Hopefully, this will allow you and your family plan ahead and to help manage your busy schedules. We will also continue to email the

Sunday Snapshot transcript to you on Mondays, in case you missed something, or would like to print out a copy. You can also access the transcript of my Sunday Snapshot under the "Quick Links" area on the King School homepage.

- **Friday Spirit Day:**

Students, each Friday we will have a school spirit day. This Friday's spirit day is "**Black & Gold Day.**" Get into the school spirit by wearing the school and district colors black and gold on your Zoom calls on Friday.

"Let's Stay Connected Throughout the School Year"

Upcoming Important Dates

September

- Back-to-School Night September 24
- PTO-Scholastic Book Fair September 25-Oct. 4
- Schools Closed (Yom Kippur) September 28

October

- Early Dismissal (teacher in-service) October 13
- Week of Respect October 5-9
- School Violence Awareness Week October 19-23

November

- Schools Closed (teacher in-service) November 3
- Schools Closed (NJEA Convention) November 5 & 6
- Last day of Marking Period 1 November 13
- Parent Conferences (Evening) November 18 & 19
- Parent Conferences (Day) November 20
- Early Dismissal November 25
- Schools Closed (Thanksgiving) November 26-27