



*January 31, 2022*

*Dear MMS Families,*

*As January draws to a close, we want to thank you for your cooperation with us as we continue to face the challenges COVID presents. We are happy to see the numbers beginning to decline a bit, and we hope before long to be able to resume activities as normal and welcome parents back into the building. In the meantime, please continue to partner with us toward your children's well-being and success by staying in tune with information provided by teachers, communicating needs to us, holding your child accountable for academics and behavior choices, and sharing with us your ideas. Also, thanks to everyone who completed the COGNIA parent survey. The survey closes today, so please take the time to share your opinions if you haven't done so already.*

*Moving forward, we want to share a few reminders:*

- ✦ **Google Meet** is offered only when a class has a student required to isolate/quarantine due to COVID guidelines. It is not intended as a learning option anytime a child is not at school. For all other than COVID absences, contact the office if you need work/materials to pick up; e-mail/call teachers; and remind your child to log into his/her Google classroom to locate assignments, information, etc.*
- ✦ **Wireless devices** of all types continue to be against school board policy. Any personal device that connects to the internet may not be worn or turned on at school by students. All such devices, if brought to school, must be turned off and stored within school bags during the school day. Children should not text parents during the school day. Calls to parents should be made in the school office.*
- ✦ **While crocs are now permitted** for students to wear in STPPS schools, we are asking parents to do their best to have the type with straps. Also, all students must wear appropriate shoes to participate in PE. Tennis shoes, as stated in our handbook, are preferred. Crocs, boots, etc. create safety issues as students, run, jump, play, etc.*
- ✦ **Kindness initiatives** are underway throughout our school as we work to support our children in positive interactions with others. Please join us by encouraging your child to be his/ her best self each day and spread kindness to all.*
- ✦ **Family Learning Virtual Event** will take place in February in place of the on-site event formerly planned. Watch for information soon from teachers.*
- ✦ **New entry system** is now fully installed at MMS, so you will notice a different process when you arrive at our front entrance. The systems are being installed at all STPPS schools to continue to enhance safety. Please be patient with office staff as they speak with you and buzz you into the building for any needs.*

*Thank you for your support of all we do at MMS. We wish for you and your family health and safety in 2022. Continue to reach out to us whenever needed. Together, we can make a positive difference in the life of each student.*

*Sherrí Barton, Principal*