Hello to all of our MMS Family.

If you are anything like I am, it is difficult to believe it is March and almost one year since our world changed radically. Despite those changes and all they have meant to our schools, so much that makes Mandeville Middle School the special place that it is remains unchanged. More than anything, we are so happy schools reopened, allowing us to have our wonderful students here with us. They are the reason we do what we do, and we love the joy and life they bring to our building. We are incredibly grateful, as well, for the amazing group of teachers and staff who are here each day in this challenging time, giving their all to help our students learn, grow and become the best they can be. We also remain incredibly grateful for our wonderful parents and your support for us and your children.

As we look ahead, here are a few items:

- **World's Finest Chocolate online sale continues through March 19th**. We appreciate all who have participated so far, but we need a big push in the final week to fund the purchase of new interactive boards for our classrooms.
- Please help your child take care of his/her Chromebook and have it fully charged for school each day. We have had many cracked screens of late, which results in students having to wait for replacements.
- We need and want our children here on time at school. Google Meet is designed for students who are absent for excused reasons. It is not designed to be a virtual option for students who decide to simply stay home for the day. Although our teachers are doing a fabulous job with Google Meet, nothing replaces in-person learning for your child.
- We are making plans for end-of-the-year awards events. Watch for upcoming information in May.

We join everyone in welcoming the spring weather even as we know spring often makes focus upon school a greater challenge. Our last day is not until May 28th, so please have your children with us each day on time and encourage them to finish the year with us MMS S. T. R. O. N. G.

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