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September 3, 2021

Kingsley Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome our Comets back to Kingsley! This is especially true for all of our new students who either transferred to Kingsley or are new to school in Kindergarten. Thank you for all of your support and patience as we've navigated another start to school that isn't like any other that we've experienced. Please continue to share questions and concerns that you have and remain patient with Kingsley educators and staff as we continue to iterate and improve our plans over the course of this school year. As I've shared before, our goal is to improve outcomes and provide a solid foundation for our students that will enable them to reach their full potential and contribute their gifts to the world as adults!

Friendly reminder that we have classes until 3:35 PM daily. Please wait outside of the fence so that our classes can access the playground until dismissal. Also, we want to encourage Haven students, who dismiss early, to do the same. If parents wait on the playground it encourages older students to come over. Please help us keep the playground clean and safe for our students and educators to use until dismissal!

Please review the information below in preparation for upcoming events.

The **NWEA/MAP Testing window opens from September 20th - October 8, 2021**, which means your child will take 1-2 MAP assessments in this window depending upon grade. Please look out for communication from your child's teacher for schedule information.

The MAP Fluency and Growth assessments help educators understand what students know today. **Students cannot pass or fail this test.** Given the challenges we continue to face as we navigate through a global pandemic, MAP results are especially helpful for educators this year. **These results will help us know what your student is ready to learn and will assist in the design of instruction to meet your child's specific needs.**

MAP tests are different from most other standardized tests in that it is an *adaptive test*. When your child answers a question correctly, the test increases the difficulty level of the next question. When your child answers a question incorrectly, the test decreases the difficulty level of the next question. In fact, the assessment is designed so that students answer approximately 50% of the questions correctly. For more information on MAP resources for parents, access the Document Library at www.nwea.org.

Please make sure that they've had a good night's sleep and something to eat before testing. See the following articles: [The Power of Protein at Breakfast](#) and

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[A Better Breakfast Can Boost a Child's Brain Power](#). Also, please make sure that your child's iPad or Chromebook is fully charged the night before.

Thank you for taking an active interest in your child's education.

NWEA/MAP Testing

- [District MAP Info Website](#)

Curriculum Night

We are excited to welcome you on Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:30 - 8:00. **Please be sure to review information from your child's teacher that will include Zoom links and additional information for the evening.**

- We (Principal Davis and Assistant Principal Brand) will open the night at 6:30. You can join us here:
 - [Curriculum Night Introduction 6:30-6:45](#)
Passcode: Kingsley
- **Agenda**
 - 6:30 - 6:45 Opening (See information above)
 - 6:45 - 7:10 Session 1 (Links will be shared)
 - 7:15 - 7:25 Fine Arts Introduction (Links will be shared)
 - 7:30 - 7:55 Session 2 (Links will be shared)
 - 7:55 - 8:00 Closing (begin to close out the night)

Kingsley MakerSpace

I'm excited to announce that we are planning to build a MakerSpace at Kingsley. We received a grant from Foundation 65 (Thank you! See details about Foundation 65 below) to create a MakerSpace that we hope to grow over many years. I want to thank our Instructional Coach, Lisa Harries for her collaboration and planning that went into writing the grant and developing plans for this space. Our goal is to create a foundation that can support expansion over the next several years. More information will be provided soon!

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting of the year via zoom will take place on Thursday 9/30 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Honorary St. Name Sign - Miss Dorothy Headd

Please join us on the corner of Grant Street and Prairie Avenue on Tuesday, September 14 at 3:40 to honor our beloved crossing guard Dorothy Headd, who retired in 2020. The city of Evanston will present her with an Honorary Street Name Sign in a brief ceremony and families will have an opportunity to congratulate her. Miss Dorothy has been a valued member of the Evanston community for many years, and we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate with her and show her our support.

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Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is open to all students 7 and older.

More information can be found here: [Youth Flyer](#) and [Youth Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

District 65 Family Center Clothing & Supplies Drive

On Friday, September 10, 2021 from 4pm-6pm District 65 Family Center will be hosting a Clothing & Supplies Drive at 1500 McDaniel Ave. (located in the parking lot off of Lake St.).

Everything is FREE and Everything must GO!

If you know anyone that is looking for childcare or needs Family Support PLEASE share this information with family, friends, neighbors, and the community! The drive is open to ALL! However, they will only recruit families into the programs from Evanston and the borderline of Skokie and Evanston.

Message from Foundation 65



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My65 is back!

Join us on Thursday, October 7 from 6 - 9 pm for a celebration with great food, drink, and fun at Temperance Brewery.

Individual tickets \$100



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Tickets include an open beer and wine bar, delicious food from La Cocinita, and great music.

Temperance Brewery's spacious indoor and outdoor spaces will allow us to gather together safely. We will adhere to local COVID-19 guidelines and Temperance's mask policy.

Foundation 65 supports educator-led initiatives focused on literacy and the arts in support of educational equity. Now, more than ever, your support of Foundation 65 helps our children as we navigate the impacts created or exacerbated by COVID 19.

We can't wait to see you. Space is limited!

Visit www.foundation65.org to register or become a sponsor.

Important Dates

- September 6, 2021: Labor Day (No School)
- September 7, 2021: Rosh Hashanah (No School)
- September 16, 2021: Yom Kippur (No School)
- September 22, 2021: Curriculum Night
- **October 22, 2021: Student Non-Attendance Day**

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything that we can do to help or you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

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