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North Middle School Community Newsletter

April, 2021

## Letter from the Principal

Hello NMS Families! We are nearing the mid point of quarter four and, as a result, are gearing up for MAP testing and end-of-year activities.

We will soon be exploring options and evaluating building policies, as we begin to plan for next school year. We are hoping that the safety status will afford us more opportunities to engage students in the school community. In the meantime, we will continue to explore options for increasing safety across the schools.

We are beginning the process of identifying our Positive Peer Influence representatives and we look forward to developing new leaders.

The spring brings with it exciting times for students. We also acknowledge that there are additional stressors and challenges involved that can establish higher levels of anxiety. Please reach out to our counseling office or grade level office for any additional supports you feel your child might need to get through MAP testing, and other end-of-year challenges.

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

## Discipline Review

This week our grade-level administrators worked with Social Studies teachers at each grade level to administer our quarterly discipline review. Administrators visited students in classrooms to acknowledge and address current grade-level trends, and to review our discipline guidelines. View the discipline review by clicking [here](#).

## FZSD Elected Board Members

A special congratulations to our two newly elected FZSD Board Members,

Tommy George Jr. (re-elected) and Gabriel Helms (new member). We appreciate the commitment and effort of our FZ Board of Education.

## Lunch Deliveries

As a reminder, our schools are prohibiting lunch deliveries for students for this school year. Please refrain from ordering lunches for your child to be delivered at school.

## Summer Learning Opportunities

Summer learning options are now available. FZSD will offer a variety of learning options: Virtual Academies, Enrichment Programs, and Extended Learning. You can view and register for summer options by clicking [here](#).

Please note that if you sign up for any middle school learning opportunities, you will sign in through the middle school platform. You will only sign up through the high school platform if enrolling in an accredited high school class.

## Chromebook Collection

All 6th and 7th grade students will keep their Chromebooks over the summer. Please notify your grade-level counselor if your child will not be returning to North Middle School for 21-22.

We are working on a plan to collect Chromebooks from 8th grade students. Students participating in summer learning opportunities will have the option to keep devices for the summer.

## Student Celebrations & Awards

We are working on dates and plans to hold end-of-year celebrations for our teams. Our hope is to celebrate, recognize achievements, hand out awards, and offer students the opportunity to connect and socialize, all in a safe and monitored fashion.

We are also exploring options for an 8th-grade celebration.

Celebrations will occur during the last week of school.

## NHS Camps

Click [here](#) learn about summer camps offered through North High.

## Send a Shout-Out to staff

[Help us celebrate Staff Appreciation Week by submitting a shout-out through this form.](#)

## Upcoming Events

4/23: Intruder Drill (9:55 am)  
4/27: Virtual Learner MAP Testing (8th Grade)  
4/30: Midpoint Quarter 4  
5/3-5/7: Staff Appreciation Week  
5/5: **Early-Release Day (11:50 am)**  
5/5: Virtual Learner MAP Testing (All Grades)  
5/11: Fire/Evacuation Drill (9:30 am)  
5/17: FZ Board of Education Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm

## Last Day of School

The last day of school is scheduled to be Tuesday, June 1. This will be an early-release day. Dismissal will take place at 11:50 am.

## Spring Weather

As we approach spring weather, we remind students about our dress code policy. Please review the policy with your child by clicking the link below:

[Student Dress Code - JFCA-R-1](#)

## MAP Testing

Our MAP Testing for in-person learners will begin on April 27. An updated schedule was recently shared and can be found by clicking [here](#).

We have had two testing sessions with our virtual learners and feel this has been going well. We thank the families of virtual learners for your flexibility and assisting us in accurately measuring student progress.

## Clinic Reminders

Information was recently shared by Nurse Quach in our clinic newsletters regarding 8th grade immunization requirements and other pertinent information. As a reminder, all students entering 8th grade are required to have updated vaccinations for both the TDap and the MCV.

Please reach out to our nurse with any questions at:

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