

MES Family Updates – December 11, 2020

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that your week is going well. Looks like some warmer temps for tomorrow and the weekend.

A few things for you this week:

\*Tomorrow is the annual CCMC PJ Day for the Kids. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their PJs to school and bring in \$1.00 if possible. We'll send our donation out to CCMC to support their terrific fundraiser. Thanks in advance to those of you who will be supporting our efforts here at school and thanks to the Distance Learning families that stopped by today with donations. We will be reading - virtually - to any class that is interested in taking part either in the morning or in the afternoon. Many classes will be showing a movie as well.

\*Next week will be the MES Spirit Week - with a different theme for each day of the week. We'll also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the annual Toys for Tots Drive in conjunction with the CT State Troopers. There will be drop-off tables down by the Community Room entrance each morning and in the main foyer area for those students coming to school on the bus.

\*The theme for each day of Spirit Week - Monday, 12/14 - 12/18:

- Merry Monday - dress in any of the holiday colors
- Tree-topper Tuesday - come wearing your favorite hat or headband
- Warm Wednesday - dress for the cold weather in your coziest flannel
- Jer-say Thursday - show your team spirit with your winter sports shirt or sweatshirt
- Festive Friday - wear your favorite holiday sweater, vest, shirt and accessories

\*The PTO is looking for someone who would like to get involved with the group through working on the PTO website. Please let us know if website design is an area of interest for you and we'll get you connected to the PTO.

\*At the PTO meeting this week, the Lasagna Love program was introduced. Click on the link below if you are interested in this terrific

program: <https://www.marlborough.k12.ct.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=522&dataid=6836&FileName=Lasagna%20Love.pdf>

\*On Monday afternoon, RHAM staff and students will be hosting a Virtual Inquiry Academy presentation for our Grade 6 students. The Inquiry Academy is a program that Grade 6 students have to apply to in order to get in. More information will follow after the presentation.

\*We appreciate the feedback that many of you have sent along in regards to technology devices coming home on a nightly basis. Based on your feedback, the input from staff, and the information we continue to gather from DPH and Chatham Health meetings, we are no longer requiring teachers to send home the devices each night. Teachers may still send home devices if there is a particular assignment that students are working on where it would be beneficial to have their school device at home. As a result, please send back the device charger if you have it at home. We are also in the process of purchasing carrying cases, should we get to the point where we feel it's time to send devices home on a nightly basis.

We hope everyone has a terrific Friday and a wonderful weekend.

Dan & Kim