

MES Family Update January 7, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that your first week back has gone smoothly. We are also hoping that everyone had terrific holidays and a chance to rest and relax a bit over the break.

A few things for you today:

*The opportunity for students to receive free breakfast and lunch continues through the end of the school year. Please feel free to take advantage of this terrific opportunity. Taking a free breakfast or lunch in no way impacts any of our students - in fact we receive additional reimbursements with more free meals provided to students.

* Grade 6 Families - the RHAM Gr. 7 Inquiry Program presentation is coming up next week on Monday, January 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There is additional information on the Grade 6 page on the MES website. The Zoom meeting link is below:

- <https://zoom.us/j/95503256255?pwd=cVl3R1ZHb0E5dVlSnh5SVl2amd5QT09>

*The Marlborough Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. David Sklarz will conduct a Pre-Budget Public Forum on Thursday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This is an opportunity to ask questions, share thoughts and have an active role in the ongoing budget process. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063133722?pwd=bWwwOVJyMIRybFdwUStObnRzN3VKQT09>

*As with many school districts, the MES Community did have a number of positive COVID cases reported to us during the break. The majority of the cases had no impact on staff or students, as the positive individuals were not in the building at the time they were contagious. We will always reach out to all members of a classroom and any specific 'close contacts' when there is a positive case that has any impact on students - or staff.

*A reminder that quarantine guidance has now changed per the CDC, DPH and now Addendum 5 in the Connecticut State Department of Education's Adapt, Advance, Achieve plan. Should your child need to be quarantined due to an out of school exposure, please feel free to reach out to us to review the quarantine options. If we are calling you to let you know that your child needs to quarantine due to a school-based exposure, we will review the quarantine options with you.

We hope you have a terrific Friday and a nice weekend. Should you have any questions or concerns about anything above, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Take care,

Dan & Kim