

**WEEKLY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

This week, we welcomed the Columbus Urban League as they began to run several classrooms of programming with KIPP Cares. We are excited to expand our partnership with the Urban League and look forward to their continued support of our KIPPsters and community!



Fall is in the air, and it is a GREAT time for our KIPPsters and team to be able to enjoy the great outdoors. Here on campus we have 125+ acres of land which can be used for outdoor learning and exploration. Tents have been set up to allow for places to learn, and spots like our outdoor amphitheater remain open and available for use! This week the PAST Foundation was able to come and lead some outdoor learning experiences for our KIPPsters.



This week at meal pickup, our team spent time helping families complete the census and make sure they're registered to vote this November. If you have not yet registered to vote, the deadline to register is October 5th! [Click here to learn more or to register now!](#)



Our high school volleyball, cheerleading, and football teams have returned to practice in September. They are currently conditioning and practicing to get our student athletes ready for shortened fall seasons that will begin in late September. We will be playing games in volleyball and football and those schedules are being finalized in the next two weeks. We will be posting any upcoming games to our social media accounts as they are confirmed.



**September 15 - October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month** - Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. To learn more about celebrations and materials to support your celebrations [please click here](#).

#### **Reopening Communication Timeline\***

- **Late September/Early October:** Communication regarding KIPP's reopening plan (*potential "in-person" for KIPP on Campus students; KIPP at Home will continue through December*)
- **Week of October 12th and 19th:** Earliest date for a gradual return of *KIPP on Campus* KIPPsters to in-person learning (*ex: certain groups/grades of students come back for periods of time to support learning new protocols and procedures, general adjustments, etc.*)
- **Mid-November:** A decision regarding enrollment options/learning models for the second half of the school year will be determined.

\*all plans are subject to change

#### **2019-2020 KIPP Columbus State Report Card**

This week, a modified version of Ohio's annual school report card for the 2019-2020 school year was released. The modified report card is a result of Ohio's ordered school-building closure last spring that had substantial impact on the end of the academic year, including state testing. There will be no overall letter grade or school rankings issued this year as there have been in years past. Because students in the state of Ohio did not take state tests, many parts of the report card are not reported out at all.

While last year ended in the most unpredictable of ways, KIPP Columbus has so much to be proud of and celebrate. We know that so much work went into making last year a success. We will continue to work together to ensure even greater achievement this year, no matter what!

#### **Just A Few Highlights:**

- **KIPP Columbus is now a fully grown campus serving nearly 2,000 AMAZING KIPPsters in Kindergarten through 12th grade each and every day!**
- **100%** of the founding class of 2020 graduated from KIPP Columbus High on time and every single student was accepted into **at least two colleges** and secured **over \$7 million** in merit scholarships!
- Despite the challenges of taking Advanced Placement exams remotely in the Spring, our high school students demonstrated incredible achievement and growth:
- **100%** of students taking AP Computer Science principles passed with a score of 3 or higher, beating the global average of 72%! 75% of our students scored a 4 or 5!
- **75%** of students taking Calculus AB students scored a 3 or higher, with 51% of students scoring a 4 or 5!
- **KIPP saw its chronic absenteeism rate decrease by 6% points**, but there is still more work to be done to ensure our KIPPsters are present and learning every day.
- Getting all of our KIPPsters on or above grade level in reading by the end of 3rd remains a top academic priority at KIPP Columbus!

**GREAT JOB, KIPPSTERS!!!**

These accomplishments are made possible because of our community, team, students, and you - our families! We are a **team and family** and your partnership makes all of this possible!

### **Columbus Symphony at KIPP Columbus - Thank you!**

Thank you to our families and community members who were able to join us for what was an amazing evening of music! We are grateful for the continued partnership of the Columbus Symphony and look forward to continuing to make music together in the future!



### **Columbus Metropolitan Library Tech Support & Homework Help**

KIPP Columbus is excited to partner with the Columbus Metropolitan Library in providing support for our families and KIPPsters! By visiting [this website](#) you will be able to access homework support (K-12), reading support (grades K-3) and find help for issues related to your computer or accessing your classes (K-12). You can also access these supports by calling 614-645-2275. Thank you to the library for providing this amazing support!

### **Pandemic - EBT Benefit**

It was announced earlier this week that the state of Ohio will once again be providing a Pandemic - EBT Benefit to those who have students learning remotely. These benefits will be distributed by the end of September - we are grateful for this continued support!

### **Food Distribution**

This Tuesday (and Tuesday's moving forward) we will be distributing food on Tuesdays from 9am- 12pm and from 4pm - 6pm. The Harvest will be providing fresh, healthy items in our food packages, and warm meals will be available, too. These meals are available for **ANY and ALL** children in our community 18 years or younger. We look forward to welcoming you to campus for these delicious options, and please share with your neighbors, friends, family!



### **KIPP Columbus Website**

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: [www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus](http://www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus).

### **Ongoing Communication**

As we enter into the school year, we will be sending weekly, Friday communications/updates that will be shorter in nature, but consistent with key updates/information. If you have any general questions between these updates, please contact your child's teacher, or send an email to [covid@kippcolumbus.org](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org).