

WEEKLY UPDATE - NOVEMBER 6, 2020

Dear KIPP Families,

What a week this has been -- while the challenges are many, I am proud of the way our KIPP community and team came together to engage actively to vote and get out the vote.

- Our team worked for months to help families, our alumni, and even our oldest KIPPsters register to vote on campus, online, and throughout our communities
- We mobilized during food distributions to help families complete the census, to register to vote, to confirm polling locations, to request absentee ballots, and MUCH more
- We joined with other KIPP regions to promote the election and the importance of voting
- We created space on election Tuesday by not having school so that our team, your families, and our community could make and take the time needed to vote and get out the vote.

Beyond these efforts locally, the efforts nationally to get people to the polls has been tremendous and provides some hope for what can be in the future. When it's finally done, more than 140,000,000 Americans will have cast their votes in this election. That is, by many millions of voters, the most people that have voted in an election in American history. The efforts of so many - here locally and around the country - made it so.

Thank you for all of the ways you build a stronger community every day. We are grateful for you.

In partnership,



Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

Trunk or Treat 2020

Trunk or Treat was a huge success at KCP and KCE this past Friday. Families, KIPPsters, and siblings came through and were able to see their teachers, pick up curriculum, and get some treats as well. Thank you to our KIPPsters and families who dressed up and brought the JOY for this event. Such an awesome expression of care, connection, and community!



Calendar Reminders

- Remote (On-Line) Learning: All K-12 students will remain in remote learning through December 20, 2020. Updated Calendar is linked [HERE](#).
- Due to the current context with COVID-19 in our community, KIPP Columbus will be making an announcement regarding the learning model for January 2021 by early/mid December rather than in mid-late November as originally planned.

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

Did you know that we have a health clinic on campus run by Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) that provides care for KIPP students and other children in the community? The NCH Clinic is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8am - 3pm. While they are not seeing children with COVID symptoms at this time, children can be seen for a variety of other reasons including, but not limited to: sports physicals, wellness checks, vaccines, flu shots, STI screening, birth control, Medication refills, Blood work, Asthma treatment, and referrals for specialized medicine.

Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested. All you need to do is call 614-263-6137 and select option 3 to schedule an appointment. Note, the clinic acts in much the same way as a doctor's office, so depending on the insurance your child(ren) has/have, there may be an associated fee.

Food Distribution - Location Change to KIPP Columbus High

Food distribution will occur on Tuesday, November 10th (and Tuesday's moving forward) from 9am- 12pm and from 4pm - 6pm. Distribution location will be changing from KIPP Columbus Middle to KIPP Columbus High this week and moving forward. 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 and will be for this entire school year (at least through May 2021!).

Learning Aid Ohio

Governor DeWine recently announced a new program for children with disabilities in the state of Ohio, Learning Aid Ohio. This program seeks to support families of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) in receiving academic and related services (social work, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.) outside of school from qualified providers. Families are eligible to apply for a grant of \$1,500 to support the cost of these services. For more information, and to apply, please see the [Learning Aid Ohio Website](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to the [KIPP team here](#).

KIPP Columbus After School Programming & Student Community Resources

In partnership with Columbus Urban League, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, and After School All Stars, KIPP began our after school programming for nearly 100 students this past Thursday. This programming is available from 3:30pm - 6:30pm Monday - Friday and all students who participate will receive free dinner as part of the program.

Currently, there is a waitlist for the program, and if families reach out to you with interest, they also can be added to the waitlist [by completing this form](#). Please contact [KIPP](#) with any questions.

Below we have also included other opportunities in our city to support kids and families at this time. If you know of others, please share with your school leader, too, and we will add them to our resource guide for families.

- [Learning Extension Centers \(LECs\) Around Columbus](#) for families looking for options close to home. These LECs serve students for up to 3 hours a day for academic support and a safe space to work on their remote learning. Each LEC has their own process for registering so please use [this map](#) to locate and reach out to the one nearest your KIPPster.
- [Columbus Rec and Park Fall Programming](#)
- [Columbus Public Library COVID-19 Services](#)

KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund & Additional Supports

The KIPP Columbus Emergency Response Fund is available to address critical needs (housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, etc.) of our KIPPsters and their families at this time and going forward. The needs in our community are significant, and this is one additional step to meeting those needs. If you are in need of some additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach [out to our team here](#), and we will do all we can to connect you with resources.

Also, if you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to this fund, please do so [HERE](#). Thank you, in advance!

KIPP Columbus will be handing out essential items to families on a first come, first serve, as needed basis during our Tuesday Meal Distribution Hours (9am-12pm, 4pm-6pm) each week until December 15th! This includes items such as coats, personal hygiene items, and other essentials.

If you (or others you know) might be interested in contributing to these efforts, please view our Amazon wishlist [HERE](#). Thank you for your continued support!

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!

KIPP Columbus Website

To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus. Additionally, a weekly COVID - 19 dashboard has been added to our website which will be updated each Friday with the weeks and cumulative positive cases on our campus for both students and team members. If your child is impacted by a reported case, you will receive outreach directly from KIPP Columbus. If your child receives a positive COVID test, please notify our team as soon as possible at covid@kippcolumbus.org or by calling your child's school.

KIPP ATHLETICS - GO, JAGUARS!

Our Jaguar Football Team ended the 2020-2021 season on a high note winning their first game of the season defeating Utica High School 24-12 ([check out their celebration here](#)). We are very proud of the hard work that players and coaches put in this season and are excited about continuing the momentum going into next year.

Winter Sports is officially underway, congratulations to all of the students who participated in tryouts. Our teams are hard at work preparing for the season.