

WEEKLY FAMILY UPDATE - DECEMBER 11, 2020

KIPP Families:

With only 20 days left in 2020, this most dynamic year is nearing its end, and in addition to preparing for 2021, we also are preparing for the second half of our academic school year with hopes that we will be able to have our students and team on campus in this new year. I am incredibly grateful for ALL you have done to support your child(ren) throughout these challenging and uncertain times -- **thank you.**

KIPP is continuing efforts to bring our KIPPsters back to campus and to in-person learning yet this school year. ~53% of families enrolled their child(ren) in KIPP at Home (remote only) through June and 47% enrolled in KIPP on Campus (in-person when/if possible). Applying lessons learned from Semester 1, decisions regarding restarting in-person instruction will be made on shorter timelines for Semester 2 to create space to respond to the ever changing context of COVID-19 in our community and what is required to restart an in-person learning model.

With ~20 weeks remaining in our school year (January 4, 2020 - June 3, 2020), approximately every 5 weeks, we will be revisiting our in-person learning model (*if not sooner*). I know we all hear this with frequency, but I do want to emphasize that *ALL plans are subject to change*. The below information is *not* absolute, but is to serve as an informed roadmap as we continue to navigate these uncertain times in the best way possible.

Due to the uncertainty of the next several weeks, the timing of our winter break, the continued increase in cases, and guidance from our Governor ([extending the statewide curfew](#), and providing [stay safe Ohio protocols](#) as two examples) - *KIPP will remain in remote learning for the first 5 weeks of our second semester (January 5 - February 5, 2021)*. An announcement will be made regarding KIPP's Learning Model for February 8 - March 12th the week of January 18th. Our [calendar](#) remains the same for now, with January 4th a team professional development day and students will return to remote instruction on January 5th.

Due to the [Stay at Home Advisory](#) for Franklin County, athletics/extracurricular activities remain suspended until at least December 18th with more details forthcoming next week.

This isn't ideal for anyone, but thank you for your continued support and partnership -- we look forward with hope, together, to the new year ahead. In partnership,



Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus

Casey Goodson, Jr. KIPP Columbus is heartbroken to learn of the loss of Casey Goodson Jr. last weekend. The calls for justice and accountability remain as we seek to collectively build a better tomorrow, and we hold his family close in our thoughts.

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic & Flu Shot Clinic:

The NCH Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8am - 3pm the next week. The clinic will be closed the week of December 21st, with availability the week thereafter to be shared next week. Appointments can be made by calling 614-263-6137 (option 3). Note, the clinic acts in much the same way as a doctor's office, so depending on the insurance the child/family has, there may be an associated fee. Flu shots are also now available for all 21 and under!

Food Distribution - ADJUSTED AFTERNOON HOURS

Food distribution will occur on Tuesday, December 15th (and Tuesday's moving forward) from 9am- 12pm and from 3:00pm - 5:30pm). As a reminder food distribution is open to **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

Also, mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 22nd when we will be distributing holiday meal kits including, chicken, rolls, cookie decorating kits, and more!

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](#).

KIPP Columbus will be providing essential items to families on a first come, first serve, as needed basis during our Tuesday Meal Distribution Hours. The last day for this distribution will be December 15th from 9am-12pm. 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 has partnered with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to provide technical and academic support. More information can be found on [this website](#) or by calling 614-645-2275.

KIPP Columbus Website:

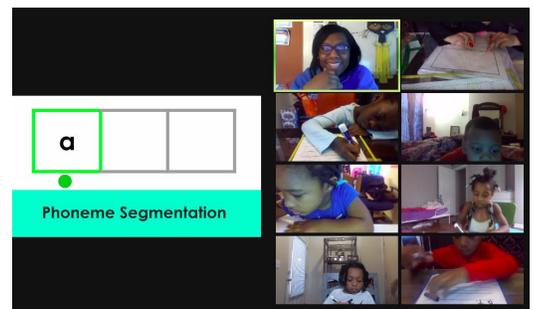
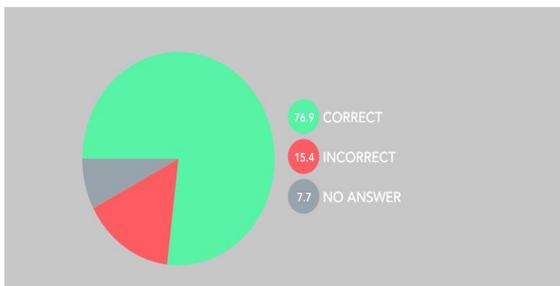
To find the most updated information, all family communications, and helpful links, please visit our website at: www.kippcolumbus.org/coronavirus. Additionally, a weekly COVID - 19 dashboard has been added to our website which will be updated each Friday with the weeks and cumulative positive cases on 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.

Teaching & Learning Highlights

There are so many great things happening across campus! Our first semester ends on December 18th, but that is not stopping our KIPPsters from working hard all the way to Winter Break.

Our **Kindergarten KIPPsters at KIPP Columbus Primary** continue to work hard to learn foundational reading skills. Check out the Bulldogs homeroom practicing breaking down and sounding out words in Ms. Al-Latteef's class this week.

^ a crate of apples weighs 5.7 kilograms. Convert the weight to grams.



Our **5th grade KIPPsters at KIPP Columbus Elementary** have been practicing and mastering unit conversions so that they can better understand how different units of measurement can be converted in the real world. Students in Mr. Tate's math class are doing a great job mastering this skill as he uses an online tool to poll the class and better understand how each student is doing.

7th graders at KIPP Columbus Middle are learning about Ida B. Wells and all that she did to ensure women and people of color had expanded voting rights. What a great time to reflect on this right and responsibility in our country.

Our **seniors (Class of 2021) at KIPP Columbus High** have been researching different scholarship options in their seminar class with Ms. Fauquet. From their research, they will select specific scholarships to begin applying to. We are excited about their journey as they prepare to graduate and prepare for life beyond KIPP!