

## KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - March 19, 2021

### Key Dates and Family FAQ

- March 22: KIPP on Campus, Group B; Announcement regarding learning model post-spring break
- March 29: KIPP on Campus, Group A
- April 2: Professional Development - No School
- April 5: Spring Break, KIPP Campus Closed

Please take a few minutes to review this updated Family [FAQ](#) and [this return to campus video](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [reach out](#).

### NEXT WEEK (March 22nd) : KIPP on Campus **Group B** - In-Person

#### School Hours:

Arrival 8:45 am - 9:10 am

School start time: 9:15 am

Dismissal: 3:00 pm

### Annual Family Forms <Action Required>

We are excited to share that we have moved the annually required family forms to PowerSchool. Please log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account to complete the proof of residency, intent to return, and the Chromebook device questionnaire. If you need help with your account, please contact your student's advisory/homeroom teacher.

### Vaccine | COVID-19 Updates

#### Updated COVID-19 vaccine timelines (Phase 2C starts today)

- Beginning TODAY, vaccine eligibility has been expanded, including anyone age 40 and up in Ohio is [eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Ohioans with cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart disease or obesity as also eligible today.
- Beginning **March 29th**, ALL adults (anyone over 16 years old) in Ohio will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### Vaccine administration sites

For a comprehensive list of vaccine administration sites in Columbus and across Ohio, [click here](#).

#### Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Site to Check Vaccine Eligibility

ODH has launched a new site ([click here](#)) for Ohioans to check for vaccine eligibility and availability.

#### COTA supporting with rides to vaccine sites

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is offering free transportation assistance to those getting their COVID-19 vaccine at St. John Arena. The mass vaccination site on Ohio State's campus will be open from 9 am to 7 pm from TODAY - Sunday.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Food Distribution Reminders

Food distribution will occur Tuesday (March 23rd) 10am- 12pm and from 4pm - 5:30pm for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

Students who are attending in-person learning will receive breakfast and lunch at school ([click here](#) to see our menu!); however, their family may still pick up meals during Tuesday distribution. If you have any questions regarding food distribution please reach out to us [here](#).

### <Important> COVID Reminders

Only students, teachers, and support staff will be in our buildings (no guests, visitors, etc.) at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do all we can to ensure the health and safety of our learning community and beyond - this will be an adjustment for all of us, and your partnership is invaluable.

As a reminder, if your child has any of [these symptoms](#) (fever of 100.4 or higher, new or worsened cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, new or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose), please stay home, rather than coming to campus.

To report your child's absence, please call the main office of your child's school (614-263-6137).

Thank you, in advance, for dropping off your child(ren) between 8:45am - 9:15am. If you arrive prior to that time, we ask that your child(ren) stay in your car until 8:45am when health screenings will begin.

If you arrive after 9:15am, please park your car and walk your child(ren) to the front door to complete the health screening.

Dismissal will begin at 3:00 pm. Please call the front office before 2:00 pm if your child's transportation method needs to be changed for the day. If your child needs an early dismissal, please arrive before 2pm and a team member will meet you at the front door of the school to check your identification and sign your child out for the day.

If anyone in your household has tested positive or has a pending COVID test, they will need to stay home and self-isolate/quarantine per the local health department's guidelines -- we hope you feel better soon!

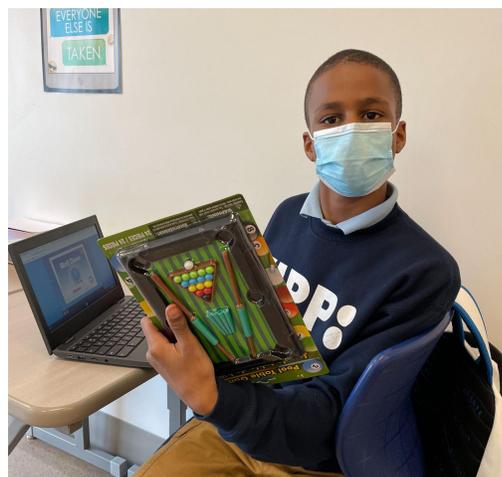
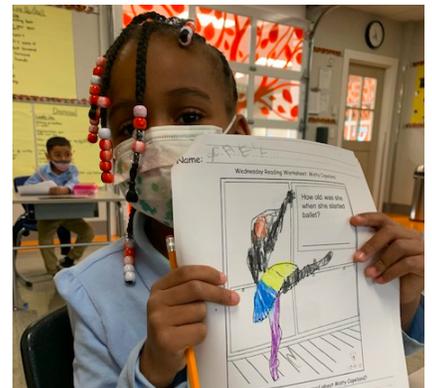
If your child tests positive for COVID, please call our COVID hotline (614-966-0425). Your child will need to quarantine at home for 10 days. If your child is enrolled in KIPP on Campus, you will receive a return to school letter from KIPP informing you of your child's return date.

If you have any questions regarding school hours, health screenings, transportation, or other processes contact us [here](#).

## Teaching and Learning

**KCP Kindergarteners** are reading books this week focused on Women's History Month. Specifically, they have read books about Malala Yousafzai, Maya Angelou, Misty Copeland, Frida Kahlo and more! Students in both grade levels are also learning about female historical figures in social studies class, too! (see right)

**KCE** has started up the "Party Wagon" for hybrid students! The wagon travels the halls at the end of each day awarding a student from each class that has exemplified the day's theme - Motivation Monday, Talking Tuesday, Wisdom Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, and Friendship Friday. Students are encouraged to nominate their classmates for a prize. KCE is excited to recognize students for their leadership skills! (see below)



CHECK THE NEXT PAGE FOR KCM AND KCH HIGHLIGHTS!

**KCM** 8th graders completed a lab to learn more about adaptations related to finches and their beak shapes. The students had a ton of fun using different everyday materials to model different beak shapes to then better understand how animals adapt to their environment to survive. (see below left)



**KCH** launched the "Leaders at Lunch Series", which connects KIPP high school students to leaders in the Columbus community through conversation and storytelling (currently through Zoom). The space serves to inspire young people to follow their passions, explore careers, and form a network of changemakers in our community.

This past week, students were joined by Monique McCrystal (see above right), the director of Replenish Spa and Yoga Carriage, the first black-owned business of its kind in Columbus. Her journey started with a degree in Sociology from the Ohio State University, and she worked for many years as the Director of Malaika for Children's Services as a trauma counselor

**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). 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](mailto:covid@kippcolumbus.org) or by calling your child's school.