

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - March 12, 2021

KIPP Columbus Families,

It was SO great to welcome back Group B this week and to see all the creative things happening with KIPP At Home and Group A. Please see below for this week's family updates.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In partnership,



Hannah D. Powell
Executive Director, KIPP Columbus



Reopening Timeline Key Dates and Family FAQ

- March 15: KIPP on Campus, Group A
- 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 15th) : KIPP on Campus **Group A - In-Person**

School Hours:

Arrival 8:45 am - 9:10 am

School start time: 9:15 am

Dismissal: 3:00 pm

<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](#).

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

ODH has launched a site ([click here](#)) to check vaccine eligibility. You can go through a few simple steps on the website to determine when you, family members, etc. can be vaccinated.

Spring 2021 After School Programs Sign-Up

Interested in after school programming for 'KIPP On Campus' students this spring? We still have a limited number of spots for both Group A and Group B students. We will be filling spots on a rolling basis throughout the spring as spaces become available -- [apply now!](#) After school programming is provided during the weeks students are on campus for instruction.

Spring Sports Update

Spring sports are right around the corner. This spring we are offering middle and high school track and field and also soccer. Tryouts are happening in March and more information on each team's schedule will be shared before spring break. *Go, Jaguars!*

Community Resources Webinar Information

If you missed our Student Services team's first Community Resources Webinar this week, you can still get the information through the link [HERE!](#)

Food Distribution Reminders

Food distribution will occur *this* Tuesday (March 16th) 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](#).

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](#).

Teaching & Learning Update

Wonderful to have our Group B KIPPsters back to campus this week! We are proud of our team, our KIPPsters, and our families for working together to make KIPP at Home and KIPP on Campus engaging places of learning full of care, community, and connection. And with the warm, sunny weather approaching, it is an even more joyful time to be outside and on campus!



KCP KIPPsters have been spending the week reading *My Special Word*, a book that follows a young child on her journey to discover a word that will make her "Unstoppable". KIPPsters are learning about and choosing their own special word and how they can live out that word every day. One of the authors - Dwight Smith - generously donates the book and is a strong partner to KIPP Columbus. We are grateful for his support and KIPPsters really enjoyed reading his book this week!

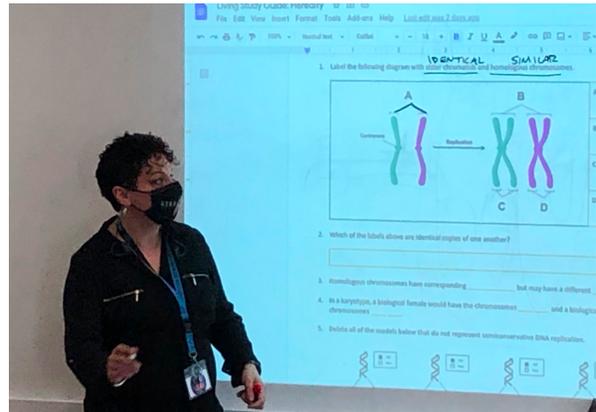


There were multiple exciting events happening at **KCE** this past week:

- 2nd grade KIPPsters finished and then submitted pictures of their Wax Museum projects
- In science class, 5th grade KIPPsters did an egg drop experiment. They were tasked with creating a holder for the egg that would protect their egg from breaking. This experiment related to their recent learnings on how a force on an object can have an action and reaction.



KCM 6th grade KIPPsters had a visit from the Columbus Symphony Orchestra (below left). Students were able to learn firsthand about the connection with music and theatre, as well as being on stage and performing. I will see if Siegel can send any photos and videos my way too!



KCH 10th grade biology students have been learning about genetics (above right), specifically how humans' genes get rearranged before passing them on to their children. Students have not only been seeing how this makes each individual unique and diverse, but also seeing real world examples of how this has a positive impact on our society, including in how our bodies respond to coronavirus and more.

KIPP Columbus Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

The NCH Clinic will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:15am - 3pm. 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.

Medical Records

We are in the process of updating our student's medical files. Be on the lookout for Medical History Forms that will be coming home with your child to fill out and return. If your child is KIPP At Home, we will be emailing the forms out to you as well.

If your child has medical needs, including medication that needs to be given at school, please reach out to our nurse directly (through the contact info below) and she can best assist you.

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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