

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE ITEMS - MAY 21, 2021

Teaching & Learning Update

KIPP Columbus Primary Kindergartners are finishing the year working on long vowel sounds and writing dictated sentences. They enjoyed reading fun books such as "Joey Goat", "Zeely Zebra", and "The Nice Mice in the Rice" this week! First grade KIPPsters are finishing the year reading "teacher choice" read aloud books as they focus on mastering identifying the main idea in texts!

KIPP Columbus Elementary 2nd graders are challenging themselves to apply more complex reading skills. Students have been reading classic fairy tales like Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Rapuzel. After reading each story, students read an alternate version of the story. After reading the two different versions, students analyzed the similarities and differences between the two. By practicing these skills, 2nd graders are ending the year strong and looking ahead to more challenging skills in 3rd grade!

KIPP Columbus Middle students continue to work on their play in drama class. See a picture below of them practicing their poses!



KIPP Columbus High Seniors celebrated their college decisions at our annual Decision Day Brunch that took place on Saturday!

- 100% of the class of 2021 have been accepted to college or have a post-secondary option of their choice
- Combined, the class of 2021 has gained acceptance to over 75 colleges and universities across the country

Key Dates and Family FAQ

- May 31: Memorial Day, KIPP Columbus Closed
- June 3: Last day for students
- June 5: KIPP Columbus High, Class of 2021 Graduation

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](#).

KIPP Columbus High Track & Field

KIPP Columbus High athletes have been working hard this week - competing in their first district track meet with athletes from over 20 other schools represented. Sunday Levesque from the class of 2024 qualified for district finals in shot put, and placed 8th overall out of 29 girls - way to go, Sunday! We are proud of all of the hard work the team put in this season - go, Jaguars!



Summer Camp Registration - Spots Still Available!

There are still a limited number of summer camp opportunities still available for KIPPsters through our [summer program registration](#) website. The following programs are still accepting applications on a first come, first served basis!

- [Boys and Girls Club \(KIPP Columbus High\)](#)
- [Lindy Infante Foundation Football Camp \(KIPP Columbus Elementary\)](#)
- Lindy Infante Foundation Soccer Camp ([Middle](#) & [High School](#))
- [Happy Hockey Field Hockey Clinic \(Elementary School\)](#)

State of Ohio COVID-19 Updates

Governor DeWine announced the lifting of the Ohio mask mandate for those who are fully vaccinated in accordance with new CDC guidelines. [In this announcement](#), it was also stated that schools in Ohio will continue to have the mask mandate in place through at least June 2nd.

KIPP Columbus **will continue to follow** the health and safety guidelines we have established until at least the end of the school year unless directed otherwise by our local public health officials.

“Vax-a-Million” - [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

There are two different [“Vax-a-Million”](#) opportunities including 5 - \$1 million prizes for adults (for those 18 and up) and 5 full ride scholarships to an Ohio public college (for those 12-17). Drawings for these awards will be held for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning next Wednesday, May 26th and those who are vaccinated by the drawing date will have the chance to win. More information regarding where to get your vaccine (for anyone age 12+) is below.

Vaccine administration sites: Vaccines are now available to anyone over 16 and the Pfizer vaccine to anyone 12 years old in Ohio based on [new CDC guidelines](#). To learn more about vaccinations for those aged 12-17 please [click here](#).

In partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, KIPP Columbus has applied to be a vaccine distribution site to align with our food distribution this summer. While we are only in the application stage, we are hopeful to secure this opportunity for our community.

Below is information for vaccine clinics not requiring an appointment for ages 12+. *Please note if the person receiving the vaccine is under 18 they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

- Columbus Public Health Drive-thru COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic: Celeste Center, 717 E. 17th Ave.
 - Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9am - 3pm
 - Tuesday and Wednesday: 11:30am - 5:30pm
- Columbus Public Health Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic: Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave.
 - Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
- Please [click here](#) to view pop up community vaccination clinics available throughout Columbus

Below are links with current, available appointments -- *please reach out to the specific location should you need more information regarding the type of vaccine.*

- [Mount Carmel](#)
- [Columbus Public Health](#)
- [OhioHealth](#)
- [CVS Pharmacy](#)
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#)

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

Food Distribution Reminders

Food distribution will occur EACH Tuesday, 10am- 12pm and from 4pm - 5pm for **ANY** and **ALL** children 18 and younger.

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.

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

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](#).

Eviction Moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an order that may protect individuals from being evicted or removed from current living arrangements and may be able to stay through JUNE 30, 2021, if you qualify. Check out [this flyer](#) for more information.

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 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