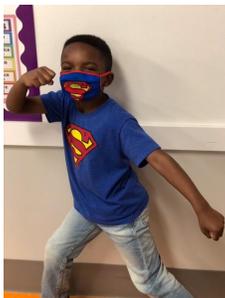


### Teaching & Learning Update

At **KIPP Columbus Primary** Big and Little KIPPsters celebrated Kindness Week - a week in which the entire Team & Family makes intentional acts of kindness towards one another and has fun while doing it. On Monday, KIPPsters participated in "Powered by Kindness Day", a day in which they dressed up like superheroes and told teammates how SUPER they were all day!



This past Tuesday, **KIPP Columbus Elementary** 3rd grade KIPPsters spent time with Lt. Governor Husted and State Superintendent DeMaria as a part of the COSI Science Festival and In-Demand Jobs week. During this visit, KIPPsters received a STEM Lunch box from COSI that is filled with activities around space that was designed by NASA -- including their very own rocket launch! This visit aligned with the unit on space students have been working on -- keep up the great work KIPPsters!

**KIPP Columbus Middle** 7th grade math students are doing some future planning, wrapping up the year by learning about personal finances and careers. They are looking at everything from salaries to education costs and applying mathematical thinking to their future life.

We are incredibly proud of all of the **KIPP Columbus High** KIPPsters that have persevered and taken Advanced Placement (AP) courses this year. By the end of May, over 250 AP exams will have been taken by our high school KIPPsters. Even in the midst of a pandemic, they have continually inspired us with their desire to keep climbing the mountain to and through college, career, and beyond!

**KCH Drill Team:** Congratulations to our Drill Team, led by Coach Martin and Coach Williams, who won 3rd place in the city-wide Say Less and Dance competition last Saturday! It is one of the first trophies for our high school program and we are incredibly proud of their hard work this season. **Go, Jaguars!**



### Key Dates and Family FAQ

- May 3 - May 24: KIPP Columbus High End of Course and AP Exams for both KIPP on Campus and KIPP at Home students
- May 7: Professional Development, No School
- 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](#).

**Welcome KIPP Columbus Vice President of Operations: Jon Tucker**

This past fall, KIPP Columbus launched a national search for our inaugural Vice President of Operations to serve as a critical member of the team. The VP, Operations will set a clear vision and implementation for various functions including finance, IT, data, school and campus operations as we bring KIPP's mission to life in our schools and classrooms every day and prepare to double in size in the coming years.



It is with great excitement to share that Jon Tucker will be joining our KIPP team this July as our Vice President of Operations. Below you'll find a little more information about him, and look forward to collectively welcoming him soon!

Jon brings more than 20 years of experience in education and nonprofit management to the role. Most recently, Jon served as Vice President of Student Life at Girard College in Philadelphia. He previously held leadership positions within The SEED Foundation network of schools, where he served as Head of School, Director of Student Life, and Special Project Advisor. Prior to that, he served as Chief Operating Officer at Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida and Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maryland. Mr. Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Wesley College and an Executive Certificate in Non-Profit and Organizational Management from Georgetown University, and he is a proud first-generation college graduate. He, his wife, and three sons are excited to join KIPP Columbus and the Greater Columbus community.

## **Vaccine | COVID-19 Updates**

### **Pop Up Community Vaccine Clinics**

Columbus Public Health is hosting pop up community vaccination clinics to give people more opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in their neighborhood.

All clinics will accept walk-ins or people can schedule an appointment by calling 614-645-1519.

Upcoming pop up community vaccination clinics

- May 10 – Dodge Recreation Center (667 Sullivant Ave.) – 12:30 to 7 p.m.
- May 14 – North Community Counseling Center (3556 Sullivant Ave.) – 1 to 4 p.m.
- May 17 – Marion Franklin Recreation Center (2801 Lockbourne Rd.) – 12:30 to 7 p.m.

All clinics will offer the Pfizer vaccine (first dose only) and the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Everyone 16 and over is eligible to receive the vaccine. People are encouraged to bring their ID and insurance card if they have it. No one will be turned away.

Additionally, Columbus Public Health continues to offer no appointment walk-in vaccinations at Columbus Public Health (240 Parsons Ave.) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment drive-thru vaccinations are available at the Celeste Center (717 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Learn more at [www.Columbus.gov/c19vax](http://www.Columbus.gov/c19vax).

### **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 in partnership with Columbus Stand Up!

[Click here for more information](#)

## **Food Distribution Reminders**

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

## **Summer Programming On Campus**

We have had a HUGE response to registration for our summer programs -- *thank you!* You can still apply for the waiting list for programming through the link [HERE](#).

If you have any additional questions about our summer programming, please [click here](#).

## **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](#).

#### **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](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