

Firebirds Newsletter

Folwell Community School

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Principal's Message

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Happy December;

We have just completed the video to place on our website for new and prospective families, included are the new updates that have been completed and other aspects of our caring community. The video will be posted on the website soon.

Previously I mentioned having a ribbon cutting event, but due to the delays in the construction completion we will have the ribbon cutting event in the spring.

The weather is changing, please make sure your child has proper outerwear as well as hat and gloves; if you have a need for winter clothing please contact the social worker.

The last day before winter break is December 17th and students return January 3rd

Please note the schedule for e-learning, in case of quarantine or inclement weather:

- 9:00-9:30 am Live (synchronous) Morning Meeting and sharing of directions for asynchronous work (SEL and academic choice-learning opportunities via choice boards)
- 9:30-10:30 am Teachers/Staff

available to respond to student needs via Google Meets, Google voice/phone, email, and text

- 1:00-2:00 pm Teachers/Staff available to respond to student needs via Google Meets, Google voice/phone, email, and text

A reminder about COVID prevention protocol:

- Please wear a mask when any person enters the building
- If your child is sick, please keep them home

Lastly, we are looking for 100% of the educational benefits forms to be filled out by guardians the link is below:

[Titan School Solutions \(titank12.com\)](https://titank12.com)
Click the "Apply Meals Today" section

You can call the school and have someone help you fill out the form as well.

Lacy Cannon

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COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Ages 5-11

The COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11-year olds is safe, free and effective. Walk-in or make an appointment at Folwell Community School 3611 20th Ave Minneapolis, MN 55407 on **December 14th from 3-7pm** to get anyone 5 years

old and up vaccinated (boosters also available!). To schedule an appointment, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p9et93w>
If you need assistance making an appointment, please call the health office at 612-668-4558.

Spotlight on Community Resources



The Hennepin County Office of Multicultural Services is available to connect any Hennepin County resident including immigrants and refugees to resources and services offered by the county and community partners. Navigators are available in 20 languages and work

one-on-one with residents to help them understand and apply for programs such as financial, healthcare and food assistance.

Contact the Office of Multicultural Services at **612-543-5500** or **oms@hennepin.us**

Holiday Assistance Programs

United Way 2-1-1 United Way can refer you to organizations that are providing holiday food, toys or gifts. Call 2-1-1, toll free at 800-543-7709 or 651-291-0211. You can also text your zip code to 898-211* and they will search for programs in your zip code.



Salvation Army Toy Shop for children up to 14. Call 651-746-3595 or visit, <https://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop> to register. You cannot be registered for any other toy program such as Toys for Tots.

Shiloh Temple International

Ministries Toys for Tots, 1201 W Broadway, Minneapolis 55411. Register by calling 612-302-1463 or emailing Arnetta Phillips at philnetta2u@gmail.com. Distribution of toys will be December 18.

House of Charity, 510 South 8th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Free public meal 12-1pm every day of the year including Christmas and New Year. For questions call 612-436-2050

Every Meal-Free Weekend Food

Families can sign up to receive a free bag of food every Friday. Food is placed in your student's backpack to bring home. You may select from five different bag types including; East African, Latino and Southeast Asian. If you would like

free food, please complete the form in the Every Meal brochure and return to your student's teacher.

Questions? Contact Miriam Maples at 612-668-4592 or miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us



Severe Weather Building Closures

When severe weather occurs and MPS determines that travel to schools and buildings is unsafe, staff and families will be notified that students should **remain at home and continue instruction via e-learning.**

The decision to move to e-learning will be announced by 6 p.m. the night before or no later than 5:30 a.m. on the day of an e-learning day.

Information will be shared via all major news media, the MPS homepage, MPS social media, and emails, robocalls and texts to families. **Please ensure that your family's contact information is updated by contacting your school office.**

Learn more about building closures, https://mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing

Technology is a key component of e-learning

Devices should be brought to and from school every day. Every student should have been assigned a device that allows them to connect to an online learning platform, such as Seesaw or Google Classroom. Please contact your student's teacher if you have questions about this.



If your home is not currently connected to the internet, consider:

- The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB), a low-cost program to help households pay for internet service
- Contacting the main office about alternative internet options such as a hotspot.

Learn more about e-learning, https://tl.mpls.k12.mn.us/e-learning_days

Volunteer at Folwell

Due to COVID concerns, volunteer opportunities are limited to non-student contact activities. The first step in the volunteer process is to complete the District volunteer application and background check available at <https://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

Once you are an approved volunteer our Family & Community Liaison will contact you with specific volunteer opportunities.

After you apply please alert Miriam Maples at 612-668-4592 or Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us



Media Center News

In Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students are learning about being safe online which is also being

safe when on the internet. In Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students are learning the difference between personal

information and private information. We are also learning what a digital footprint is and how long it stays with us.



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www.twitter.com/MPS_Folwell

www.instagram.com/mps.folwell/

Pop-Up Food Shelf

Through a partnership with Good In the Hood, Folwell will host a Pop-Up Food Shelf on **Tuesday, January 18, 4-6pm**. Space is limited and registration is required.

Register by contacting Miriam Maples at 612-668-4592 or Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Look for your student's belongings on the ground level outside the cafeteria.



Upcoming Events/Important Dates

December

1-2 Picture Days
14 - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
15 - Picture Retake Day
20-31 - Winter Recess

January

5 - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic
17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18 - Pop-Up Food Shelf
27 - Second Quarter Ends
28 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
31 - Third Quarter Begins

February

21 - Presidents Day
22 - Parent Teacher Conferences

March

31 - Third Quarter Ends

April

1 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
4-8 - Spring Break
11 - Fourth Quarter Begins

May

30 - Memorial Day

June

10 - Last Day for Pre-K-12
13-14 - Possible Make up days
15 - Teacher Record Keeping Day

June 20-July 28 - Summer school (Fridays off)

