

Firebirds Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Folwell Parents and Community,

We are excited to finish the 2020 calendar year of classes next week and for all of our students, staff, and families to enjoy the 2 week winter break, staying healthy and safe.

Being a performing arts magnet school, we have had the wonderful opportunity to engage students from across all attendance zones. With the loss of our magnet status due to the CDD, we know there will be current Folwell students who will be going to many different schools, participating in the open enrollment process or staying right here at Folwell. **Students & Families wanting to stay at Folwell who live in the attendance area will need to complete their school request with Folwell as their school choice.**

The Comprehensive District Design has systematically changed our district schooling system with the goal of creating equitable educational learning environments across the city.

Our wish is that we seek to understand the changes taking place as well as welcoming the support and partnership in developing the future of our new school, named Folwell Community School.

Please find the link for Open Enrollment MDE link: [Open Enrollment Information](#).

Folwell will be hosting two virtual open houses which will take place on:

- **December 16th from 5:00- 6:00 p.m.**
- **Januy 21st from 6:00- 7:00 p.m.**

We have shared this information on our social media, website and will also send a

flyer with Open House Zoom link to access the event.

Next week is Folwell Spirit Week! We wanted to end 2020 with some fun as a school community. Share your photos to our social media as we love to see our Firebirds' school spirit!

We wish that you all have a wonderful winter break (December 21st - January 1st) and as always please connect with the administration team if you have any questions or needs.

We look forward to seeing you when we return from winter break on January 4, 2021!

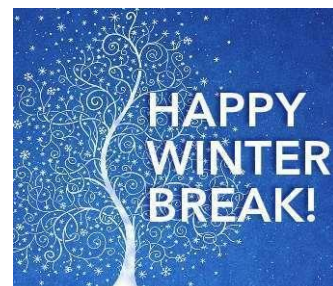
In partnership,

Lucilla, Brigid & Kimberly

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Student Placement Letters

The Student Placement Center sent out letters to our Folwell families, identifying your children's school based on the CDD transitions for the next school year 2021-2022.

*PK-4 Folwell students are automatically being placed at Bethune or Marcy (arts magnet schools).

*5th -7th grade Folwell students are automatically being placed at Franklin or Sullivan (STEAM magnet schools).

*Students/Families wanting to stay at Folwell who live in the attendance area will need to complete their school request

with Folwell as their school choice.

Please check the Student Placement portion of the Minneapolis Public Schools website or contact student placement at 612.668.1840 for more information about the school request process.

**Student Placement:
612.668.1840**

<https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

Free COVID-19 Testing

<p>Community testing site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to anyone who would like a test • Walk-in or by appointment • No cost and no insurance required <p>Find a community testing site here: https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp#header</p>	<p>At home COVID-19 saliva test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to anyone who would like a test • No cost and no insurance required <p>Order your at home COVID-19 test here: https://learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/</p>	<p>Clinics or Hospital testing sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need to schedule an appointment at most sites • Will need insurance at most sites • Not all clinics will test people without symptoms <p>Find a clinic or hospital testing site here: https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp</p>
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For any questions about COVID-19 testing or COVID-19 related concerns please contact the school nurse, Rachael Popp, at 507-312-9669 or Rachael.popp@mpls.k12.mn.us

Spanish/English COVID-19 hotline: Call 651-304-6145 for assistance in Spanish with COVID-19 questions or concerns.

Minnesota Helpline: For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call 651- 297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504 Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mental Health Crisis Line - Call: **CRISIS (**274747)

Spirit Week December 14-18th, 2020

Monday	Crazy hair and hat day
Tuesday	Pajama Day
Wednesday	Blanket Day Sit with your favorite blanket and show it off!
Thursday	Throwback Thursday Dress in a previous style from the decade of your choice!
Friday	Fan Friday - Show off your love for your favorite team!

Extended Learning GEMS-GISE STEM Academy

Registration is now open for the January through April Extended Learning GEMS-GISE STEM Academy. Families can select from a variety of standards based hands-on classes available to current K-8 MPS students. (Coding, Robotics, Biomedical, KoolFit-2four7, Invention Project and more!)

Classes will be delivered live through distance-learning and begin on Monday, January 11th. All students will receive a STEM Academy Kit for each course to ensure an opportunity for engaging interactive learning experiences. Each course will be for two one-hour sessions per week.

Students can take up to two different STEM Academy courses.

For more information on available courses and to register: https://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/g_g_s_after_school_program_2

If you have questions, please email: MPS.Gemsgise@mpls.k12.mn.us

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We're on the Web!

www.folwell.mpls.k12.mn.us

TECH SUPPORT DURING WINTER BREAK

During winter break, IT support will be available Monday-Wednesday (December 21-23 and 28-30) from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. If you experience any issues with your device during winter break, please call the IT Service Desk at (612) 668-0088.

Folwell Fridays!

We encourage staff, students, families, and community members to wear their Folwell gear and/or Folwell school colors (maroon and gold) every Friday! Take a photo (or two) and post them to our social media sites or tag us and include #FolwellFriday. We are proud of our school community and want to show our school spirit! Our Social Media information is right here for your reference.

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Attendance

PARENTS PLEASE REPORT ALL ABSENCES ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE

Please state the reason your student will be absent from school. You can call the main office 612-668-4550. (Español: 612-668-4553)

Upcoming Events

December 14-18: Folwell Spirit Week

December 16- Virtual Open House 5-6pm

December 21- January 1:
Winter Recess: NO SCHOOL

January 4- Classes Resume

January 13- Site Advisory Committee Meeting 5-6pm

January 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

January 21- Virtual Open House 6-7pm

January 28- 2nd Quarter Ends

January 29- Record Keeping Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)