

Firebirds Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Greetings Folwell Families:

The past two weeks have been a needed time to stay healthy and reset. We understand there were some challenges with internet connections, google classroom and Seesaw access. It was not perfect, but together we have been able to support your children's education. We appreciate your partnership in the academic instruction of your child. Also, we are honored to

work with such dedicated staff in providing quality instruction to all of our students.

As this week ends and you go into the weekend, take time to enjoy the outdoors, and stay warm with soup or hot chocolate; please remember, you are what makes Folwell great!

Lacy Cannon

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Black History Month

February is Black History Month and throughout the month Folwell students will be learning about the contributions of black citizens. Weekly themes will focus on black



history, leadership, courage and legacy. For more information about Black History Month visit, <https://blackhistorymonth.gov>

Spotlight on Community Resources



Sabathani Community Center
The Heart of South Minneapolis

310 East 38th Street, Minneapolis MN 55409 | 612-821-2300

Sabathani Community Center offers a food shelf (free food), free clothing and household goods, after-school programming for kids, a senior center and health and wellness services for all ages. The food shelf is open

Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:30pm. Free clothing and household items are available Monday-Thursday 1:00-3:00pm.

I Love to Read Month

February is also I Love to Read Month. This is a month-long celebration of all things reading. Folwell students will track their

reading time and report it to their teachers. Please encourage your students to read every day!



Winter Conferences

Winter teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 22. You can choose to

complete your conference in-person, virtually or by telephone.

More information will be sent home soon.

Vaccines for Ages 5-11



Families can get \$200 for getting their child 5-11 years old vaccinated. Minnesotans 5-11 years old must receive both their first and second doses between January 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022.

Minnesota families are able to receive one \$200 Visa gift card per each eligible 5- to-11-year-old fully vaccinated between January 1 — February 28. For more information visit, <https://tinyurl.com/57xr25ue>



Pop-Up Food Shelf

Through a partnership with Good In the Hood, Folwell will host a monthly Pop-Up Food Shelf on the third Tuesday of each month from 4-6pm.

The next food shelf is on February 15, 4-6pm. Everyone is welcome, no registration or ID is required.

Food will be available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Questions? Call 612-668-6550.

Health Office Update

Please keep your student home if they have ANY symptom of illness and call the attendance line at 612-668-4553. For questions, please call the health office at 612-668-4558. Student's will be required to have a negative COVID test before returning to school.

We encourage families to order 4 free COVID test kits at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

Folwell has COVID test kits available in the main office.

If your student tests positive-

Please keep your student, and all siblings that are not fully vaccinated home and report it to

office at 612-668-4558 to get information on when they can return to school.

If your student comes in contact with someone that tests positive-

If your child is not fully vaccinated report it to the health office at 612-668-4558 to get information on when they can return to school.

School Counselor Happenings

Since our students moved to distance learning Counselors have adapted to meet the needs of children and families. There are challenges in this transition from in-person to virtual learning. Some families are struggling to balance whether to go to work or to stay home with their kids.

To meet the needs of Folwell students we are offering a zoom class to counsel your children. This class focuses on three

domains; academics, social emotional learning and career.

We also recently taught a lesson to 5th grade students about the transition from elementary school to middle school. The lesson covered the types of changes students might expect in terms of physical, social, and emotional well-being. We also made families aware of an open house at Andersen Middle School on Thursday, January 20th.

Students have also been told about the opportunity to meet Andersen school staff virtually.

School Counselors can help navigate technology issues with Chromebooks, hot spots, and other devices. If you have issues or encounter them in the future, please contact the main office for help.



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No School Friday, January 28

Friday, January 28 is a
Teacher Record Keeping
Day and school will be
closed.

In-person classes will
resume on Monday,
January 31.

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

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

January

27 - Second Quarter Ends
28 – No School/Teacher Record
Keeping Day
31 - Third Quarter Begins/In-
person classes resume

February

15 – Food Shelf
21 – No School, Presidents Day
22 – No School, Parent Teacher
Conferences

March

15 – Food Shelf
31 - Third Quarter Ends

April

1 - Teacher Record Keeping
Day/No School
4-8 - Spring Break

11 - Fourth Quarter Begins
19 – Food Shelf

May

17 – Food Shelf
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)

