

Firebirds Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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Dear Folwell Firebird Families,

We hope you are all keeping healthy and safe during these more restrictive times as mandated by Governor Waltz given the pandemic and how many Minnesotans are being affected by it every day. We hope you enjoy the time off from school next week with your families and continue to stay safe.

Parents, please call the main office at (612) 668-4550 if your K-5th grade student has not received their materials from the last distribution and/or your 6th-8th grade students who are still in need of their arts supplies so that we can schedule a time for you to pick-up the materials. A robo-call will be going out as well, providing a friendly reminder.

While this school year we have been online via Distance Learning please remember that Folwell offers several services to support your child and your family. If your family needs assistance with technology, other school supplies, food, or mental health support, we have resources.

Please email our School Social Workers, Cheryl Leavitt (PreK-2nd grade),

Linda Azure (3rd-5th grade), and De'Ja' Carter (6th-8th grade) or our school counselor, Jeanette Vyhanek (5th-8th grade) for support. We do have a co-located therapist who supports our Mental Health Collaborative for support around depression or motivation for our students. Our school psychologist, Beck Becker, is also a resource if your child has an IEP and is struggling or is in need of support.

Our school nurse, Rachael Popp, is also available to connect regarding medical concerns you have about your child and can assist with any COVID-related questions you may have.

As always, feel free to contact me, Brigid or Kimberly for any questions, concerns, or positive feedback.

Regarding information related to the CDD and Folwell, our Associate Superintendent, Brian Zambreno, is working on a task force committee to plan what our school and other K-8 schools will look like for school year 2021-22. More information will be provided once the task force committee unfolds their work.

As you may be aware, Bell Times has been a topic of discussion within our district and the MPS School Board voted and approved the new Bell Times for the upcoming school year. Folwell's new bell time (school day) will be 8:25 am- 2:55 pm starting next fall.

Thank you for your continued partnership. For those that celebrate, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Lucilla Davila, Principal and Assistant Principals, Kimberly Enck and Brigid Butler

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CWS Meal Service during Thanksgiving Break

Culinary & Wellness Services will be in buildings distributing 7 day breakfast and lunch meal boxes and 7 day supper boxes on Monday 11/23 and Tuesday 11/24 at their current distribution sites.

No meal boxes will be distributed during Thanksgiving Break on Wednesday 11/25, Thursday 11/26 and Friday 11/27.



Pick up your food boxes at Folwell Door #1 from 11am-3pm.

Free COVID-19 Testing

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Minnesota is proud to offer at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for any person who wants to be tested, with or without symptoms, at no cost.

Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home saliva testing for everyone, at no cost. Go to [Vault: No-Cost COVID Testing For All Minnesotans](#) to order a test.

For more information about the saliva testing visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

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

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)

Updated Bell Times for 2021-2022

We wanted to bring to your attention that next year, for the 2021-22 school year, Folwell will have new bell (school start and end) times of 8:25 am and 2:55 pm.

At their November 10 meeting, the MPS Board of Education voted to approve the proposed bell time schedule beginning school year 2021-22.

The Board of Education is confident the approved schedule can meet the goals of:

The school day for Folwell students will be 8:25 am-2:55 pm starting next year/the 2021-2022 academic year.

*Increasing participation in after-school programming particularly for those schools with a higher concentration of families receiving educational benefits as this has been shown to have a direct correlation to student achievement and sense of belonging.

*Reducing transportation costs so that savings can be reinvested into the classroom.

*Improving on-time arrivals at schools.

After School/Community Education/Athletics

There are still spaces available in some After School Online enrichment classes, including fitness, art & crafts, online games, dance, and more. If you are interested in registering for enrichment classes like this, please complete [this form](#):

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrKK_4EBGuXLcMqC7iykiBvhNCyqiM481ON_sXm6JAqkRm0g/viewform)

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November 16-20: AMERICAN
INDIAN AWARENESS & FAMILY
INVOLVEMENT WEEK

November 25-27: No School for
Students

Classes are held Monday-Thursday
from 3:40-4:30 pm (for grades KG-5)
and 4:45-5:45 pm (for grades 6-8).

All classes and supplies are free. You
can also [register](#) to receive
homework help from the University of
Minnesota YMentors each day from
3:30-5:30 pm.

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrKK_4EBGuXLcMqC7iykiBvhNCyqiM481ON_sXm6JAqkRm0g/viewform)

Questions? Email
alicia.robey@mpls.k12.mn.us

Due to continued concerns over
safety of staff and students and
school gymnasiums being
unavailable, the winter athletics
season will be cancelled. There will
be no boys' or girls' basketball
season this year. If you have
questions contact Mr. Engelhardt at
matt.engelhardt@mpls.k12.mn.us or
612.987.3756.

Resources for students:

Hennepin County Library Homework Help
<https://www.hclib.org/programs/homework-help#tutors-online>
Homework and Research Help for Grades K-5:
https://mpls.k12.mn.us/homework_help_6.html
Student Learning Resources:
<https://mpls.k12.mn.us/learningresources>

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 3: FAMILY/PARENT
COUNCIL MEETING 6:00pm

December 21- January 1:
Winter Recess

January 4- Classes Resume

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

January 28- 2nd Quarter Ends