

# Firebirds Newsletter

## Folwell Community School

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## Principal's Message

Happy Autumn;  
Last Tuesday and Wednesday we had the opportunity to connect with you as parents and guardians. This is a great time to speak about your child's strengths and areas of growth. It will not stop at conferences; this is a continual conversation.

Fall/ Autumn is a great time of the year; I would like to encourage you to take time and enjoy the beauty of the leave changing color.

November 4 is the last day of the quarter and November 5<sup>th</sup> there is no school. Enjoy the 3-day weekend and remember to set your clock ahead on Saturday night.

A reminder about our 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 on "Apply for Meals Today"

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

Lacy Cannon

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## Application for Educational Benefits

All families should complete the Application for Educational Benefits as soon as possible. Information provided on the Applications:

- generates millions of dollars in funding for Minneapolis Public Schools and our schools, students, and families.
- determines benefits for students and families such as free bus cards and discounted internet service. Please note that due to a federal waiver, all students will receive no cost breakfast and lunch for the entire 2021-2022 school year.
- **All families are still strongly encouraged**

**to complete an application for their household.**

The Application for Educational Benefits (formerly known as Free and Reduced) can be completed at **TITAN K-12 Family Portal**.

1. Visit **TITAN K-12 Family Portal**, [www.family.titank12.com](http://www.family.titank12.com)
2. Click on **Apply for Meals Today** (log in not required).
3. Follow the instructions to complete your online application.

**An eligibility notice letter will arrive via mail or email within 10 business days.**

Paper applications and letters will also be sent out in the mail prior to the start of the school year to every family that has not yet completed the form online.

### Additional Information

- This form used to be called the "Free and Reduced Lunch" form
- The income thresholds are higher than in some programs, so many families are surprised to find they DO qualify.
- If you are certain your family does not qualify, you can check "decline benefits" without providing income information.

## Daily Home Symptom Screener

We need your help to keep our Folwell community safe and healthy. We need all families to check their students for symptoms of illness **EVERY** day before sending their student(s) to school. Please hang the COVID-19 symptom checker (see attached) up somewhere in your home as a visual reminder of symptoms to check for before sending your student to school. If your student has any of the symptoms listed please do not send

them to school before talking to health office staff to discuss if your student can come to school.\* You can call Nurse Rachael at 612-668-4558, text her at 507-312-9669 or email her at [Rachael.popp@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Rachael.popp@mpls.k12.mn.us).

If your student develops any of these symptoms while at school, we will be contacting you about having your student picked up from school.

For more information about when a child should attend school, please see the [Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Decision Tree](#).

Thank your help to keep us all safe.

\*If your student has a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell OR at least two of the symptoms listed, all siblings will need to stay home as well.

## Face Coverings

Face Coverings/Masks remain a very important safety protocol to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our school. Please remind your students that they need to wear their face coverings (above their nose and mouth) at



ALL times during the school day with the exception of eating, drinking and recess. This includes buses. Please remember to send your student with a face covering every day for them to wear on the bus.

## Free Weekend Food

Families can sign up to receive a free bag of food every Friday in their child's backpack. There are no qualification requirements and your family's privacy is protected. Families may select from five different bag

types including; East African, Latino and Southeast Asian. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact

[miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us) or 612.668.4592



## Family Engagement Space

Folwell's Family Engagement Space is now open in room 154. Visit Mondays & Wednesdays, 9am-11am or Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-2pm. Staff can help you:

- support your student's education
- use a computer

- learn about community resources
- apply for economic benefits
- practice English
- meet other Folwell families.

Questions? Contact Miriam Maples, Family & Community Liaison at 612-668-4592 or [Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Miriam.maples@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Lost & Found



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Is your child missing something? Check the lost and found located in the hallway outside the cafeteria on ground level.



## Outdoor Recess

Please make sure your child brings a jacket, hat and gloves to school every day.



If your child needs a winter coat contact Linda Azure at 612-668-4563 or [linda.azure@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:linda.azure@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Upcoming Events/Important Dates

### **October**

20 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
21 - State Conference Day  
22 - Conference Conversion Day (Flex)  
28 – Parent Academy starts

### **November**

4 - First Quarter Ends  
**5 – No School**, Teacher Record Keeping Day  
8 - Second Quarter Begins  
24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

### **December**

20-31 - Winter Recess

### **January**

17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
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)

