



APRIL 2021

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Principal: Pao Vue, 612-668-2020

Asst. Principal: Mercedes Walker, 612-668-2020

School Secretary: Lee Hibbard, 612-668-2023

Parent Liaison: Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

Transportation: Rochelle Kochendorfer, 612-668-2027

Health Office: Sandy Lynch-Nurse, 612-668-2052

MPS Transportation: 612-668-2300

Tech Support: 612-668-0088

Attendance: 612-668-2033

SAVE THE DATE

April 2: NO SCHOOL-Record Keeping Day

April 5-9: NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

April 22: Earth Day

May 31: NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day



Principals' Corner

Dear Jenny Lind Families:

Happy Spring! The days are getting longer, the weather is becoming warmer, and students are relishing the return of bright days and spending time together outdoors!

Each day, we are inspired by the joy and optimism in our community. The majority of our students are celebrating 2 full months of in-person learning. Many of our staff are receiving their long-awaited vaccinations, and our students are learning and growing alongside their peers.

We are also filled with gratitude for the incredible dedication our parents and staff have shown in this very unique year. While other schools may look a little different, most of Jenny Lind students have benefitted from in-person learning since February. This was no small feat, and all of our efforts to make this a reality are to be celebrated.

We are incredibly grateful to be at the point in this pandemic that allows our staff and students to be in school because we know the value of an education is best realized when we are learning together, in-person. However, we do recognize that some families may prefer to have their children continue with Distance Learning. Please contact the school if you would like to switch your child's learning program, especially if your child is going from Distance Learning to in-person as we will need 2 weeks to make all necessary changes.

It is important to note that COVID-19 and its variants are still present in our city and communities. We may still have cases among our students, families, and staff so our masking, cleaning, and hygiene protocols remain firmly in place. Our District Environmental Health & Safety Office will provide quarantine guidance to impacted schools and families, should there be any positive cases. We appreciate your continued support in reporting illness and testing results, staying home when you are sick, and practicing healthy habits both at home and when you are with others.

Have a wonderful Spring Break.

Until next month,
Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker



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RETURNING TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

We have had a few requests for students to return to in-person learning after Spring Break. Please make sure to call the main office (612) 668-2020 if you are interested in having your child change from Distance Learning to In-Person learning. Requests to change must be made in advance, we need time to arrange transportation and change schedules.
Thank you!

HERE COMES THE BUS

TO SIGN UP FOR HCTB, you'll enter your child's student ID and the school code which is: 87018

[Here Comes The Bus \(mpls.k12.mn.us\)](http://mpls.k12.mn.us)



COVID-19 Testing for Kids & Families

STAY SAFE MN

MDH announced a recommendation for all school-age youth returning to school, youth sports, or extracurricular activities, and their families, to get tested every two weeks through the end of the school year. While it is not a requirement, regular testing complements other safety measures already in place, such as masking and social distancing.

Schools and youth organizations can send messages and resources available on [COVID-19 Testing for Kids and Families](#) to families to encourage testing.

Social Worker Update

If you would like for us to check-in with your child feel free to call or email. We are here to support you and them.

Call, text or email us and we will try to respond as quickly as possible. If your question or concern is urgent, please state in your message to receive a priority return phone call.

Nick Cross, Social Worker 612.351.2206 (call/text)

Natasha Kunin, Social Worker

Mon 11-3, Tues, Weds

612.361.4562 (call/text)

Ellie Michel, Social Work Intern

612.888.1249 (call/text)

Sandy Lynch, School Nurse

612.418.7921 (call/text)

Dr. Schevita Persaud, School Psychologist

612.460.5387 (call/text)

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PLEASE REMEMBER:

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK EVERY DAY. Please send your child to school with a mask.

Thank you!



CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

For the month of April the High 5 theme is Growing & Changing. High 5 friends will focus on literacy concepts (letter names, letter sounds, rhyming, alliteration and vocabulary) and math skills (counting 0-50, number recognition, patterns, one-one correspondence and shapes). Social-emotional practice will include self-regulation (yoga, breathing and calming strategies), problem-solving (sharing and taking turns). Science concepts revolve around plant and human growth. Finally, emphasis will continue to develop a student understanding and practice of equity and cultural diversity.

Kindergarten

March was a great month full of learning! Report cards will be mailed out soon. Please look for comments and feedback on your child's success on the report card. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. Our new math unit is Solving Problems. Students will have practice in addition, subtraction, counting, and ordering numbers. Please continue to support your child's learning by practicing counting forward and backward every day. In reading, we will be starting a new unit, "Holidays and Celebration". In this unit, students will read and compare stories about different holidays and celebrations around the world. Please remember to have your child empty their backpack every weekend and look for important paper/information. If your student is participating in face-to-face learning, please have a great Spring Break!

1st grade

In math, first graders are starting unit 5! Unit 5 introduced number patterns and place value. We are continuing to place an emphasis on addition, subtraction and story problems as well!

In reading, the first graders are about to start Unit 7 which is about learning from the past. The first graders will look at what we can learn from the civil rights movement, voting rights, and women's rights.



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2nd grade

Second grade has been working on rounding to the nearest ten and hundred. We have been having a lot of fun with our new math concept! We have started a unit on inventions and will be working on an invention project after spring break. We have also been focusing a lot on building up our writing stamina and writing opinion pieces with supporting reasons.

3rd grade

Hello to our 3rd grade students and families! We are looking forward to starting our 4th and final quarter in the 3rd grade! Our students have been working hard all year and we couldn't be prouder of them. Quarter 4 is going to be a busy one filled to the brim with new learning. In math we are wrapping up Unit 3 before spring break. This unit taught us all about multiplication and division. When we come back from spring break on the 12th, we will be starting our new math unit, unit 4 which is all about fractions! Specifically, we will be focusing on representing fractions in different ways, ordering, and comparing fractions, and explaining fractions in our world. In reading we will be wrapping up unit 5 before spring break which has been all about the value of innovation. When we come back from spring break, we are starting unit 6! Unit 6 we go back to reading fictional stories to help us understand our essential question which is "what helps us solve problems?"

We want to say thank you to all the families of our 3rd graders! We could not do what we do without you.

There are a couple reminders that we would like to share. Please make sure if your student is coming back to in person learning after spring break that you contact the school, or your students DL teacher. It takes a little bit of time to organize the bus situation so a heads up before you would

like your student to return is greatly appreciated. Also, Ms. Setterberg and Ms. Stolhanske would like to remind the families of the students in person to please dress your child for the weather! We all know how spring in Minnesota can be, and as the fabulous Prince once sang, "...sometimes it snows in April..." so please, if possible, make sure your student has what they need in that case!

Sending you joy- Ms. Stolhanske, Ms. Setterberg, and Ms. Mariah

4th grade

4th grade has been working hard this month! We are finishing up our unit on division and gearing up for fractions. We will start our fraction unit after spring break. In Literacy, we are wrapping up text structures and will be moving into theme. Students will identify the theme within a fictional text. We will also be focusing on improving our writing by creating complete, structured sentences. We are looking forward to spring and the all the fun learning activities that come with this new season.

5th grade

Hi Jenny Lind Families,

We finished multiplying and dividing using multiple strategies as well as determining text structure in an informational text. This month, we will work on our fractions unit. We will order, manipulate, add, subtract, and find equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. We will continue with writing and research projects in literacy.

This month for math, we have been reviewing math concepts from earlier this year in anticipation of



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beginning our final math unit after spring break. Some of the math concepts that we have reviewed have been; multiplication and division story problems, the Partial Quotients Method for solving division problems, how to convert improper fractions to mixed number fractions and how to convert mixed number fraction into improper fractions. We will spend more time reviewing fractions after spring break before beginning Unit 6. For literacy, we have been examining stories that deal with chronological order, description, cause and effect and problem and Solution. Each week we have focused on one of these text structures. Fifth graders have also started to conduct mini research projects. DL students in particular spent this past week researching an endangered animal species of their choice. We are planning to continue doing reach projects next week and may continue after spring break as well.

Specialists

Science Update:

In High Five we have been working on noticing similarities and differences. We've also been learning the parts of a plant!

In Kindergarten, we are learning about different animals and their parts. We are observing live goldfish and guppies and learning about what they need to survive, and what they do.

In both High Five and Kindergarten, we planted peas, and we check on our plants daily! Ask your student to sing you the plant song they've learned!

In 2nd and 3rd grade we are taking care of and observing mealworms. This is part of our insect unit where we learn about the life cycle of an insect, and what insects need to survive.

In 1st grade we are learning about electricity, and how to set up a complete electrical circuit. We have also learned about computers in our computer science unit!



Register Now for Recreation Plus Childcare

Recreation Plus offers quality summer school age childcare that is safe, fun, friendly, and affordable for grades K-6. Must have completed kindergarten.

NEW! Scholarship Program at Webber and Harrison Recreation Centers for Families in these zip codes: 55405, 55411 and 55412. To qualify: Must currently receive Free and Reduced Lunch and provide a copy of the educational benefits letter of acceptance from your school. Scholarship funding pays for all but \$10 per week; which is the fee for each scholarship

To register:

RecPlusHarrison@minneapolisparcs.org or
612-370-4951

RecPlusWebber@minneapolisparcs.org or
612-370-4916

Space is limited; register NOW!



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ADDITIONAL



MINNEAPOLIS
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Community Education - Super Summer

Community Education's Youth and Adult Programs offers new experiences for youth this summer that provide education enrichment, skill building, a sense of community and recreational opportunities! Check out our Youth and Adult Programs' **free or low-cost, in-person summer opportunities**. Customize a schedule to meet your needs including full day, weekly morning and afternoon classes for up to eight weeks **beginning in June**.

- Many old favorites like swim lessons will return with class content and settings adjusted to maximize safety.
- Our Cahoots academic correspondence course will also be back.

Super Summer program registration will open on mplscommunityed.com at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 4. In the meantime, [check out an overview of all our summer programs](#).

For questions, please contact Lifelong.Learning@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Mental Health Support Line

FREE counseling for anxiety, stress and depression is available to MPS students and families:

- English: 612.767.8661 (Hmong families can call this number to get Hmong language services)
- Spanish: 612.767.4158
- Somali: 612.767.8659

Other support services can be found on [MPS' website here](#).

Resources to help with talking about the trial related to the killing of George Floyd

As the news unfolds around the trials related to the killing of Mr. George Floyd, media commentary grows and social justice actions restart. MPS has **resources available to families** to help talk with children around topics such as race and racism, practicing social justice, recognizing big feelings and making sense of what we see in the media.

[Trial Resources for Families \(mpls.k12.mn.us\)](https://mpls.k12.mn.us)