

# News From the Dragon Den

## Updates from Principal Williams



December 5, 2020

Greetings Families!

I hope you are doing well and that you had a great Thanksgiving break!

This week our scholars engaged in a week of virtual learning. Students were eager to discuss their break and was excited to return to school. As we resume our Hybrid Learning Model for the last nine days of Quarter 2, I want to THANK YOU for your continued support as we pursue educating our students through this ever-changing school year.

The District Digest, sent out to families on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, provided specific guidelines for families to follow for our in-person students that will be returning to the school building on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. To read the District Digest in its entirety a copy can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **Please see below for a snapshot of guidelines from the District Digest:**

- Keep your student home if they exhibit any symptoms pursuant to the [Student Symptom Decision Tree](#), and provide a report to the school as to the specific symptoms your child is having.
- Immediately report to your school principal any instance in which your child has had contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID.
- Immediately report to your school principal any COVID-positive case within your household.
- Follow all directives from the school regarding necessary follow-up and documentation when students have been diagnosed, exposed or exhibit symptoms.

In addition, prior to a return to school on Monday, you must contact every non-household member your student had a close contact with during Thanksgiving break, and ask each person two questions:

1. Have you tested positive for COVID?
2. Have you exhibited COVID symptoms, since the date of contact?

If any close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes total within a day, with or without masks) responds “yes” to either question, immediately report this information to your child's principal, who will alert the District's Contact Tracing Team for next steps.

### **Here are some important updates to remember for the remainder of Quarter 2:**

- In-person instruction will resume on December 7, 2020.
- No School on December 18 as it is Record Keeping Day.
- Winter Break will be from December 21-January 1. (Quarter 3 starts January 4, 2021.)
- Please note that the school playground is closed as we do our part to stop the spread of COVID. We ask that you do not allow your children to play on the playground after school. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- As a reminder, we are not able to accept any shared items from home unless they are for your individual child.
- Operation Food Search is happening! If you have canned goods that you would like to drop off, there will be a barrel outside during morning pickup—and more at the entrance to Door #3. There will be a barrel at Door #5 for those who wish to drop off during afternoon pick up! In addition, if you drive by the school and want to drop off canned goods, look for a blue barrel at the gates to the garden (near Door #2). The last day will be January 7, 2021.

As we enter the holiday season, I ask that you stay safe, keep a safe distance, and wear a facemask. Do your part to mitigate the spread of COVID so that we can get back to what makes Mallinckrodt Academy a special place.

Stay safe and be well!

-Dr. Williams