



Hello MPSD Families,

We have Zoomed, emailed, chatted and linked more than we ever wanted and here we are, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We made it! **This will be a year that we will remember forever.** A start of something new, a separation from our friends, a season of missed events.

For our MPSD students and staff - *especially for our graduating seniors* - the last 12 weeks have not been what we planned. But the changes don't diminish our seniors' last 12 years of accomplishments. We are so proud of our seniors - check out their spotlights on Facebook at bit.ly/MPSD-FB-20. Thanks to our teachers and staff for the yard signs, the end of year school parades and the video tributes and promotion ceremonies.

In mid-March we asked students, staff and families to support a new endeavor - distance learning - and you did it. **We can't thank you enough** for your support, patience and perseverance as we adjusted everything from instructional delivery and grading and assessments, to breakfast and lunch delivery and so much more.

Family and Student Surveys

This was new for our staff, too, and we are committed to improving our instructional practices. Therefore, we want your feedback on how it went. We have partnered with School Perceptions, a survey company we have worked with in the past, to conduct anonymous surveys. School Perceptions emailed the survey to all parents/guardians and to all students in Grades 4-12. **Please complete all surveys by Friday, June 19.** We value all comments and suggestions. Together, we will continue to shape the future of our schools.

Interpreter Hotlines

If you are in need of an interpreter, please contact our district:

- Spanish Hotline (Claudia Klein/Jesus Cervantes) at 920-663-9372
- Hmong Hotline (Mai Chang/Fong Hang) at 920-663-9373

Student Belongings, Chromebooks

MPSD staff should have dropped off students' items at your homes in recent days. If, for any reason, you didn't receive your items or you have additional belongings still at school, please contact your school office. All students can keep their district Chromebooks over summer, in case they are needed for distance learning in summer or fall. Graduating seniors now own their Chromebooks.

All students not returning to our district for the 2020-2021 school year should contact their school office to make arrangements to return school/district property including Chromebooks, text/library books and musical instruments.

Graduations - Lincoln High and McKinley Academy

Lincoln High's traditional in-person graduation is tentatively planned for Saturday, July 18 at 10 a.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 19 at 10 a.m. McKinley's in-person graduation is planned for Thursday, July 16 at 10 a.m., with a rain date of Friday, July 17 at 10 a.m. Both events are subject to further local, state and federal guidance about safe gatherings during the pandemic. To graduate, seniors must receive all passing grades; any incomplete grades will result in enrollment in an online Summer School.

Summer School

In an effort to maintain safety, all MPSD Summer School enrichment course offerings, sports camps and other unique courses in June and July have been canceled. We are continuing to monitor information from the state and county to determine if we can hold the following events in person: **Elementary Academy (July 20-August 7)** and **Middle School Transition week (August 10-14)**. Our Summer School team also is investigating all online options. Look for Summer school updates on our website and social media outlets.

Keep Reading!

The [Manitowoc Public Library](#) has reopened with limited hours and social distancing rules - as well as summer reading [challenges with prizes](#) from June 14-August 8. Students also can get a [virtual library card](#) with access to a wide range of digital resources.

Summer Meals

Manitowoc Public School District will be offering free meals for all children 18 years and younger at these locations (see our website at manitowocpublicschools.org):

Now-July 30 (11:30-1:00)

- Franklin Elementary School - 800 S 35th St
- Jefferson Elementary School 1415 Division St.
- Madison Elementary School 701 N 4th St.

July 20 - August 7 (Breakfast: 8:00-8:30; Lunch: 11:30-12:30)

- Franklin Elementary School - 800 S 35th St.
- Jackson Elementary School 1201 N 18th St.
- Jefferson Elementary School 1415 Division St.
- Madison Elementary School 701 N 4th St.
- Monroe Elementary School 2502 S 14th St.

- Riverview Elementary School 440 Michigan Ave.

August 10-14 (Breakfast: 8:00-8:30; Lunch: 11:45-12:30)

- Washington Middle School – 2101 Division St.
- Wilson Middle School – 1201 N 11 St.

Now-August 14 (Bag Lunch Drop: 12:00-12:30)

- Southfield Townhouses - 2502 S. 21 St.

Next School Year

We are also preparing for what school may look like in September. We hope to have all students and staff back in our buildings on **Tuesday, September 1**; however, we will prepare contingency plans in the event this is not possible. We have begun discussions about provisions and protocols that need to be in place when students and staff return to our buildings. We will continue to follow safety recommendations from state, county and local health officials.

Watch your email this summer - and follow us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) - for further communication from our schools and the district about school supplies, any open houses/orientations and the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please contact me at holzmann@mpsd.k12.wi.us. Enjoy your summer! We hope to see you back in our schools in fall.



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