

## February Principal Coffee – Questions

**Q: What will the schools be doing to keep everyone safe but allow us to see families during the upcoming spring break? Easter falls on the backend break. Will there be another buffer so individuals may safely see their families?**

- ❑ Schools will continue to observe the daily protocols including cleaning, distancing, sanitizing, and communication of guidelines and potential quarantine needs based on travel.
- ❑ There will not be an additional “buffer” implemented for the spring break period implemented by the District. The District will observe a similar to the manner in which the District observed the Thanksgiving holiday. Any additional communications or needed communication regarding Spring Break are expected to come from the Board Office. Given that the approach to the forthcoming Spring Break will be similar to the approach observed during Thanksgiving Break - some reminders previously shared are as follows:

### Travel Advisories

- ❑ ❑ Please continue to check the [New Jersey's Travel Advisory](#) list.
- ❑ ❑ As mentioned in previous communications from the District and our school, students and staff members returning from a state on the Advisory list must quarantine for 10 days before returning to school.
- ❑ ❑ Students may participate in remote learning during the quarantine period.
- ❑ ❑ In addition to the New Jersey Advisory, the CDC also provides [Travel Recommendations by Destinations](#) which lists countries under low, moderate, or high COVID-19 risk.
- ❑ ❑ We also encourage you to research your travel destination to see if they have their own quarantine protocols or travel restrictions which could impact your return to New Jersey.

### IMPORTANT TRAVEL QUARANTINE UPDATE

The County Health Officer at the Board of Health has waived the mandatory 10 day travel quarantine for all district students, ***and is now allowing individuals return to school after completing a full 7 day travel quarantine if they can provide a negative COVID test that was obtained on day 3, 4 or 5.*** Please note the following as it relates to travel quarantine:

- Day one of the quarantine is the day after the individual arrives back in New Jersey, and all students would then be cleared to return to school on day 8.
- A travel quarantine is still required even if you have received the COVID vaccine, and both the PCR or a rapid COVID test are acceptable. If testing is not available then all individuals must complete a full 10 day quarantine.
- If you are currently quarantining post travel and are able to obtain a negative COVID test on day 3, 4, or 5 of your quarantine, please contact Mrs. Diakos at 908-273-1333 Ext 6447 or [Kdiakos@summit.k12.nj.us](mailto:Kdiakos@summit.k12.nj.us) to present the negative test result and to confirm the new return to school date. When emailing please include your child’s full first and last name and class in the subject line, as well as cc your child’s teacher.

### Why not Spring Break

- ❑ Goal has always been to keep students safe and in school, as that has been the overwhelming message sent by the community and affirmed by the District, the District was in a position to modify in December given adjustments at that time to travel quarantine period and our existing calendar, this was an opportunity at the time and was being done to be responsive to the holidays. Now important to ensure continuity of in-person instruction - not only at elementary, but middle and high school.

***Q: Can you pls ask Mr Carlin , if we'll get another chance to have a Zoom Meet with the class teacher before the school year ends?***

- Reinforce - you can set up a meeting at any time with your classroom teacher
- Might be referring to Parent/Teacher conferences - in any year - occurs once in the year across elementary -in November
- Questions were raised about 1 to 1 contacts - shelved for this year. One way we were able to achieve it was by having in class World Language instruction- during those times - teachers were able to make calls, given that the WL teacher in the room. This year WL is remote - thuse teacher remains in the room. Not available time to facilitate these contacts within the current model - shelved for this year
- That said - don't wait.
- Report cards coming on 3/19/2021. Please review - reach out as needed

**Principal's Update - March 2021**

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March 2021	Writing	Reading	Math	Science/ Social Studies	World Language	Specials PE, Art, Vocal Music, Library  Library - visiting author prep,using online resources to learn about historical events and people
Grade 1	Writing Reviews	Readers Know Their Characters by Performing Their Books	Chapter 9: Measurement	Science: Waves: Light and Sound  Social Studies: American Symbols	World Language: Clothing worn in the four seasons of the year.	PE - Jump and Landing Unit and Mr. Simmons's Bitmoji Interactive Classroom.  Music- African-American Play Party Songs, Valentine Songs and games, rhythm and beat, solfege and solo singing.  ART: Understanding form and learning the difference between 2D and 3D. Students will be creating a 3D paper giraffe..
Grade 2	Lab Reports	Nonfiction Book Clubs	Length in Customary Units (Chapter 8)	Economics and map skills (SS)	World Language: Clothing worn during different occasions and sports.	Library - visiting author prep,using online resources to learn about historical events and people  PE - Jump and Landing Unit and Mr. Simmons's Bitmoji Interactive Classroom.  Music- African-American Play Party Songs, Valentine Songs and games, rhythm and notation, solfege and African-American composers  ART: Reviewing form and learning the difference between 2D and 3D. Students will be creating a 3D paper panda.
Grade 3	Baby Literary Essay	Character Studies	Fractions (ch 8 & 9)	Adaptations: Organisms Change Over Time	World Language: Endangered Animals: snow leopard,	Library - World Read Aloud Day, using online resources to learn about historical events and people

giant panda, PE - Jump and Landing Unit and Mr. tucan, jaguar, Simmons's Bitmoji Interactive african Classroom. elephant, and wild dog.

Music- African-American Play Party Songs, The Symphony Orchestra, Valentine's Day Songs and games. African-American Composers and Musicians

ART: Reviewing form and learning the difference between 2D and 3D. Will be able to explain how they have 2D and 3D applied to their project. Work on the website called vectr.com to learn 3D perspective.

Library - World Read Aloud Day (only one Feb session)

PE - Jump and Landing Unit and Mr. Simmons's Bitmoji Interactive Classroom.

World Language: Create a culturally rich menu after learning about ethnic foods in Spain, Argentina, and Mexico.

Music- African-American Play Party Songs and Spirituals, Treble Clef and Bass Clef Notation, Valentine songs and games, African-American Musicians and Composers

ART: Reviewing form and using Tinkercad to understand perspective and 3D shapes. They will also be create a 3D paper peacock.

Grade 4 Bringing History to Life  
 Reading with the Lens of Power and Perspective  
 Adding and Subtracting Fractions (Chapter 7) and Multiplying Fractions by Whole Numbers (Chapter 8)  
 Regions of the United States

Grade 5 Literary Essay  
 Author Study  
 Dividing decimals and Adding and Subtracting Fractions  
 Financial Literacy

World Language: Design a floor plan of two rooms of a house and describe the room and its corresponding furniture in Spanish.

Library - World Read Aloud Day, using online resources to learn about historical events and people

PE - Jump and Landing Unit and Mr. Simmons's Bitmoji Interactive Classroom.

Music- African-American Play Party Songs and Spirituals, Treble Clef and Bass Clef Notation, Valentine songs and games, African-American Musicians and Composers

ART: Reviewing form and using Tinkercad to understand perspective and 3D shapes - create an animal or

cartoon of choice. They will also be create a 3D origami dragon eye.

### **L-H Celebrates "March Mindset 2021"**

Almost a year ago - specifically March 13, 2020 - we suddenly found ourselves in school closure amidst a global pandemic. Fast forward and we now find ourselves back in school and going on month #8 of the 2020-2021 school year! We did not achieve this by accident, but as a result of our L-H community (students, parents and teachers) coming together, rising to the challenge and showing our resiliency.

Our "2021 L-H March Mindset Celebration!" Instead of "March Madness," we ( the school and the L-H PTO) is a month-long celebration of our L-H community resiliency! Our amazing PTO President, Laura Buccola, our wonderful school counselor, Miss Dorsey, and I have developed the attached calendar that highlights the many events, celebrations, activities and inspirations that we would like our L-H families to enjoy this month!

#### **Calendar link:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nX7gfC5dcSpz4f...>

**Friday, March 19th - L-H March Mindset Movie Night - "Meet the Robinsons".**

#### **Discussion Guide:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Heby4GOQazU6WX...>

### **Reminder: Trimester 2 Report Cards/Comments Posted Next Friday!**

The second trimester of the 2020-2021 school year has come to a conclusion. Each teacher will also spend time next Friday (whether in person or remotely) to meet with his/her students at an individual level to discuss their growth and targets for the next trimester.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION THIS YEAR - LOG INTO GENESIS TO OBTAIN YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD. DIRECTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED NEXT FRIDAY 3/19/2021 @ 3:00 PM VIA HONEYWELL ALERT.**

As always, please reach out to your child's teacher for any follow up questions or needs regarding report cards/comments. Your child's teacher sees your child's progress in the classroom ( in person and remote) on a daily basis. In the event you have any further needs beyond the classroom teacher, please reach out to me - as always.

### **Staffing News and Updates!**

*Congratulations to Mr. Simmons - Union County Teacher of the Year Recipient for Lincoln-Hubbard School! Mr. Simmons has been recognized as the recipient of this year's Union County Teacher of the Year Award for Lincoln-Hubbard School. In a year where so many things have changed, and PE is completely different, Mr. Simmons has continued to explore ways in which technology can help him connect and engage all 320+ students at L-H. Congrats Mr. Simmons!*

*More "cubs" to our L-H Pride on the way! - Congratulations to both Mrs. Weller (grade 4) and Mrs. Barrows (grade 2) who are expecting their first baby as of this June. Mrs. Weller just began her leave and is getting ready for her new arrival in the coming months. Mrs. Barrows will be in the classroom until early May. \* Welcome Mrs. Kristi Lange - Mrs. Kristi Lange will be the long term substitute for Mrs. Weller during her maternity leave effective 3/26/2021. \*We will be looking to hire Mrs. Barrows' maternity leave substitute in the coming weeks - stay tuned.*

*Welcome Mr. Oleh Topylko - New Evening Custodian! Mr. Topylko has joined our L-H team as our new evening custodian, replacing Mr. Wells who left at the end of December. Welcome Mr. Topylko! Sure thing!*

### **March Principal Coffees:**

**Submit your questions to Mr. Carlin by **Tuesday, 3/23****

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvmxAMSmK3yj0d0FR2JSnPk\\_4\\_kfjDuzLv\\_KJazIT8e0mJNg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&exids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvmxAMSmK3yj0d0FR2JSnPk_4_kfjDuzLv_KJazIT8e0mJNg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&exids=7628)

### **Wednesday, 3/24 7pm:**

Lincoln-Hubbard PTO is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: March Principal Q&A: PM Session

Time: **Mar 24, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89382227494?pwd=WHdEay9vMldEYk9ab2dTMkFNRDYxdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 8222 7494

Passcode: 332218

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**Thursday, 3/25 9am:**

Lincoln-Hubbard PTO is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: March Principal Q&A: AM Session

Time: **Mar 25, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87900507722?pwd=ZHZyUFRycy81NWYvWXIKQlJlR0FaQT09>

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FINALLY - PLEASE BE SURE TO REFER TO ALL DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS, EXPECTATIONS AND PROTOCOLS AS IT RELATES TO ANY POTENTIAL TRAVEL DURING SPRING BREAK. Let's keep the "awesomeness going" and continue to work together to keep each other healthy and safe! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Diakos or me. Don't forget...



**Have a great day!**

**Matt**