

Update on staffing, a reminder and Holiday Wishes!

Dear L-H Pride -

We made it to the Holiday Break! I am so proud of our students, staff and parents for getting us here amidst all of the challenges we faced entering into September. Our school spirit, resolve and sense of teamwork/community made this possible. This is a "gift" in itself - THANK YOU!

Just a quick update and reminders -

1. School Nurse Hired! - We have our new school nurse! Ms. Kaliopé "Kelly" Diakos will be recommended to the Board of Education as the new nurse at Lincoln Hubbard School. Ms. Diakos has her Associates in Applied Science of Nursing from Bergen Community College, a Bachelors in Science of Nursing from Caldwell College and her School Nurse certification from Rutgers University. She is also a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She has previously worked as a RN at Saint Barnabas medical Center in Livingston and more recently as a substitute school nurse in both South Orange Maplewood and West Orange. Ms. Diakos is very excited to join our L-H team, and I believe will not only be a great fit for our school community, but the Summit Public Schools as well.

We are also very thankful and appreciative of Mrs. Akian's dedication to L-H as our school nurse - how she made it possible for us to stay healthy and safe during our return to school. We wish her all the success as she begins her position as the nurse at SHS. Ms. Diakos will be collaborating with Mrs. Akian during the coming days and weeks, and is expected to begin on January 4th. Once approved - Ms. Diakos' Summit email and voicemail account will be set up and forwarded to our school community. Mrs. Akian will still be a contact up to 12/31, but please keep in mind staff are on break. **Please forward any inquiries or needs related to nursing to my attention during the interim as needed.

2. Reminder - We return January 4th - Fully Remote Learning 1/4-1/13/2021. * Please see today's Superintendent's communication reinforcing our return to school in 2021.

As noted - ***If your Summit student tests positive for COVID-19 over the winter break, we ask that you report that information to the building principal, school nurse, and covidreporting@summit.k12.nj.us. Please continue to follow these guidelines during the remote learning period after break, as well. It is important for us to monitor the cases in our schools, even if we are not physically in the buildings.***

3. Finally, and most importantly, have a very Happy Holiday. I wish all of our L-H Pride a very healthy, happy and blessed 2021. Let's keep the "awesomeness going" 'cause "Ain't No Mountain High Enough!"

See you "next year!"

-Matt