



May 6, 2020

Elmbrook Families,

A big update on summer school and a summary of graduation ceremony changes are included below, with other updates on COVID-19 testing in Waukesha County, another virtual author visit on Thursday, May 7, and the 5th Annual Engaged in Excellence Awards Livestream event this Monday, May 11th at 3pm.

### **Summer School**

With Governor Ever's order that schools remain closed through June 30th, we are unable to offer our summer school program in its traditional manner. Our team is currently working through updates to our programming to ensure kindergarten through 8th grade students have access to additional learning opportunities in literacy and mathematics, and to support high school students interested in pursuing credit-bearing courses over the summer. Adjustments to our offerings are outlined below, and additional information regarding registration and enrollment will be provided in the coming weeks.

#### High School Summer School Offerings

After much consideration, we have elected to proceed with the majority of 9-12 summer school courses. Courses will be administered online through a virtual learning model and will run during the originally scheduled time frame (Monday, June 22 - Friday, July 24 with no classes on Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6). Students currently enrolled in these courses will remain enrolled. Project Strive Boot Camp will be postponed with tentative dates of Aug 10-21, 2020. We are hopeful that this timeline will permit us to offer these courses in-person. The only courses that we are unable to offer through this format are our Summer Theater course, Summer Work Experience, our ACT Prep course, and Independent Skill Building; unfortunately, those courses have been cancelled.

#### Kindergarten - 8th grade Summer School Offerings.

After a great deal of consideration, we have elected to modify our approach to Kindergarten - 8th grade summer programming. Those modifications are outlined below.

- All K-8 enrichment programming will be cancelled.
- We will change the dates of our K-8 summer school program to July 6th - July 31st.
- Access to 1st - 8th grade literacy and mathematics programming will be expanded.
- All courses will be administered online through a virtual learning model; we will continue to monitor guidelines around the current health pandemic, and we will explore the possibility of some in-person class meetings if and when access to larger groups is permitted.
- Kindergarten and First Grade Momentum courses will be postponed until August, with tentative dates of August 10th - 21st. We are hopeful that this timeline will permit us to offer these courses in-person.

Given these changes, we will be asking all families interested in accessing our modified Kindergarten - 8th grade programming to re-register for courses. Registration is tentatively scheduled to open on May 26th. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

### **Reminder - No School on May 8th and May 15th**

Last week the District announced a change to our school calendar, declaring Friday, May 8th and Friday, May 15th as no school days. See the modified calendar [here](#), and take advantage of the opportunity to unplug and re-energize.

### **Graduation Ceremony Changed to July 26**

On Tuesday, May 5, high school seniors and their families were notified that based on their survey input, the high school graduation ceremonies will be moved from June 14 to July 26. The Governor's Safer at Home order currently prevents any in-person celebration in June. To provide the greatest flexibility, both high schools will be preparing for a virtual ceremony and an in-person ceremony on July 26th. A location for a possible in-person ceremony on the 26th is yet to be determined.

### **Waukesha County Kicks Off Plan To Increase Covid-19 Testing With Three-day Drive-thru Test Site**

Waukesha County Public Health and the Waukesha County Office of Emergency Management are partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard to open a three-day surge community testing site in order to meet the goals outlined in the Badger Bounce Back plan.

#### **Testing Registration Hotline Dates and Hours**

Beginning May 5th, Wisconsin residents or individuals who work in the state and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 can call 262-548-7626 to register to be tested. The registration hotline will be open on Tuesday, May 5 from 1 pm – 6 pm, and from Wednesday, May 6 through Monday, May 11 from 8 am – 6 pm each day.

#### **Community Testing Site Dates and Hours**

The community testing site will conduct drive-thru tests on registered individuals on Saturday, May 9, Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12 from 9 am – 5 pm daily. Anyone who wants to be tested must register in advance. Unregistered individuals will be turned away without being tested. Find the details on the county's COVID-19 [site](#).

### **Engaged in Excellence Event**

The 5th Annual Engaged in Excellence Awards celebration will be livestreamed at 3pm on May 11th and will be available for anyone (students, friends, family, relatives, colleagues around the world, etc.) to watch.

Use this [link](#) to watch it live. 58 Finalists are in the hunt for 14 coveted Golden Apples as we celebrate excellence across the District. This will be the best entertainment you see all day. Drama, excitement, humor, tears, and of course, awards - all from the comfort of your home. Don't miss it!

Note: If the livestream does not start automatically at 3pm, please refresh your screen. There will be a short buffer at the beginning of the livestream to ensure time for viewers to get their browsers situated and popcorn popping.

### **Virtual Author Visit - Gene Luen Yang - Thursday, May 7**

Middle school and high school students, staff and families are invited to participate in a webinar this Thursday featuring young adult author, Gene Luen Yang at 11am. Yang was the 5th Library Of Congress Ambassador for Young People's Literature, and is known for writing the award-winning, American Born Chinese (2006), and Avatar: The Last Airbender (2012) comics series. Follow this [link](#) to access the webinar and learn more about Mr. Yang's latest book, Dragon Hoops.

This is the 2nd author webinar this week, following Caldecott medalist Matthew Cordell's visit on Tuesday that was attended by 1,300 elementary students across the District. Participants learned about Cordell's latest book, [Hello, Neighbor](#) - the only authorized biography about Fred Rogers. Thanks to the library team and Boswell Books for hosting these events.

### **Information about School Fee Refunds and Credits**

Families can find information about school and activity fee refunds and credits on this [page](#) located on the District's website. Contacts for questions are also included at the bottom of the page.

### **Census**

Brookfield and Elm Grove are nearing 75% self-response rate, but local and county officials would like to see more. Please consider submitting your 2020 census information at <http://my2020census.gov>. Your participation benefits local schools, roads, and other public services supported by federal funding.

### **Blood Drive**

May 27 - Brookfield East will host our last blood drive of the school year. [CLICK HERE to schedule an appointment.](#)