



September 10, 2021

Family Newsletter

*Essential information for all the
Union Memorial School families.*

Learning From Home: I'm hoping this information will help you prepare for the inevitable. We have been fortunate to have no cases at UMS this school year but given what's happening in other schools in our district and surrounding areas, I believe it's just a matter of time. Please consider the following and how it might impact your situation.

Classroom Quarantine: If an entire classroom must quarantine, the students will learn from home during the duration of the quarantine (anywhere from one to fourteen days). The classroom teacher will prepare a combination of paper and online learning experiences. Some of the learning experiences will be synchronous (all students learning together on their Chromebooks through Zoom) and some will be asynchronous (learning activities students can do at a time and pace that works for the family).

Individual Quarantine: If an individual student must quarantine, the classroom teacher will provide some work (depending on how well the student is doing and his or her ability to do work) as they would for any other absence, such as a student staying home with a cold. Families can pick the work up from the main office when it's ready.

Chromebooks: Chromebooks are staying at school (for now – we might start sending them home every night as we did last year if learning from home becomes a regular occurrence) unless they are needed to support learning from home. We will, of course, send the Chromebooks home with students if we are aware of a need during school hours. If not (for example, if we learn over a weekend of a need to quarantine a classroom of students), then each family will have to come get their child's Chromebook. We do have a limited ability to deliver them, if needed.

Information for When Your Child Needs to Stay Home (or is Sent Home) When Sick: Click [here](#) for some important information about when to keep your child home, when to quarantine and when to get a Covid test.

PTA Meeting: The first PTA meeting of the new school year will be held on Tuesday, September 14, starting at 6:30 PM under the big tent on the playground. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow PTA members and learn about the various volunteer opportunities. The PTA traditionally meets on the second Tuesday of the month and will switch to virtual meetings once the weather turns colder and the days get shorter.

Early Release: The first of four early release days is Wednesday, September 29. Students are dismissed at 12:45 PM on these days. Click [here](#) to view the school year calendar.

Respectfully,

Chris Antonicci
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

September 14	PTA Meeting (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM)
September 24	Movie Night for Kindergarten Families (tentative)
September 29	Early Release (12:45 PM dismissal)