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Superintendent's Update #5

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***"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-
roes!" -- Maya Angelou***

This week, November 11th, school is closed in honor of **Veteran's Day**. Check out the resources and kids' activities available from PBS (*because of the nature of the subject, please be sure you preview any materials before sharing with your children*)

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Covid 19 update As you may be aware, we have experienced positive cases in Lincolnville and every school has had reports of concerns around symptoms or contact with others who may or may not have contracted Covid 19. **To date, there has been no incidence of spread in our schools.** We should be very proud of this fact, because it means that the collaboration and safety measures we have put into place are working! However, we cannot be complacent. What we are being asked to do is exhausting, but we have to persevere. Here are the important elements of our protocols that you can help with:

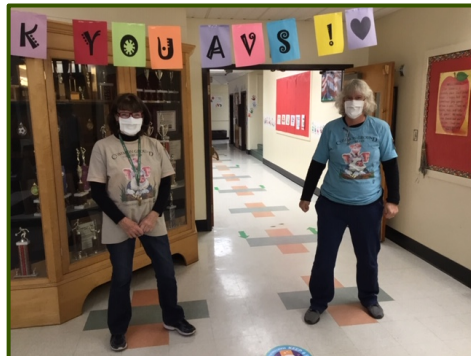
- If you have any question at all about whether or not you or your child has been in contact with someone or has contracted COVID:
 - keep your child home
 - call your school nurse-keeping us up to date as things progress is critical!
 - contact your physician or make an appointment to get tested, if necessary.
- Remind your child(ren) of the importance of mask-wearing, hand-washing and social distancing.
- Keep your circle of close contacts small-as much as we all want to see family and friends during the holidays and celebrate indoors where it is warm, in order to keep everyone at school safe, we all need to be mindful of the risks that even small indoor gatherings can pose.

First Snow at LCS

Outside classes at HES



Despite all the changes and limitations, our schools work hard to make sure our students feel a sense of safety and normalcy!



Spirit Week at AVS!



Continuing Dianne Helprin's practice of helping out in classrooms, I suited up to spend some quality time in the Middle School at AVS this month! I was able to assist students as they began building paper art pieces using black and white mirrored images; listen to ELA students discuss their interpretation of themes of a novel; tap into what I forgot I knew about converting fractions to decimals and watch a really cool simulation of the inner workings of a plant cell! Our students are using technology to enhance their understanding, share ideas and store their work, preparing them for High School and the world beyond~

Join Mrs. Clark for a virtual coffee:

*HES: Tuesday,
November 17 from
6-7 via Zoom*

*AVS: Thursday,
November 18 from
6-7 via Zoom*

*LCS: Monday,
November 23 from
6-7 PM via Zoom*

*Look for invitations
in your email with
the Zoom link!*

Snow Days for SY 20-21: This year, we may have to have remote schooling due to circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic. Your school is diligently preparing for that eventuality, developing remote lessons and helping students troubleshoot concerns that may arise when/if we are remote. **However, if we are learning in-person, snow days will not be considered remote learning days.** If a snow day is called while we are still holding school in person, there will be no expectation that students will be learning remotely. We will make up the days at the end of the school year, just as we normally would. If we are learning remotely, weather should not interrupt learning, unless there are wide spread power outages. If we need to call off remote learning because of power outages, that will be treated as a snow day and we will make up the day at the end of the year.

Keeping Track of COVID in schools: If it is helpful, the state has developed a dashboard of cases in schools, which is updated twice a week. You can find that dashboard here:
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/maine.cdc.covid.19.response#!/vizhome/COVID-19casesbyschool/maine-covid-19-cases-by-school?publish=yes>

National Merit Scholars: Three alums from #SU 69 were named National Merit Scholars at CHRHS last week! Congratulations!

Travel Survey: Last week, you were asked to complete a survey about your travel plans over the holidays. We were looking for information on how many students we might expect were going to be quarantining at home due to travel or visitors over the upcoming holidays. Heartfelt thanks to the many families that participated! So far, it looks like most of our families will be hunkering down at home this year, meaning very few will need to quarantine. This is very helpful information! If you have any questions, reach out to your school for more information.

