



Home of the Mystical
Maltese Tigers



•“Plan and prepare for every possibility and you will never act. It is nobler to have courage as we stumble into half the things we fear than it is to analyze every possible obstacle and begin nothing. Great things are achieved by embracing great dangers.”

Mason Academy School Newsletter:

February 23, 2021

Message from DPSCD Superintendent, Dr. Vitti

Informational Sessions on Changes to Grading & Assignments to Address Concerns with Online Learning

District staff will conduct the following information sessions to review the changes to grading and assignments for online learning. These sessions will be held as Teams Live Events. Please attend the meeting dedicated to teachers or students/families since those individuals will be prioritized for the Q and A.

Press “Ctrl” + Left Click on the Mouse to open the hyperlinks below that say, “Click here to join”

Audience	Date	Time	Link
Teachers	Tuesday, February 23 rd	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Click here to join
Students & Families	Wednesday, February 24 th	Grades 9-12; 3:00 – 4:00 PM	Click here to join
Students & Families	Wednesday, February 24 th	Grades K-8; 4:00 – 5:00 PM	Click here to join

Learning Centers

Open for Business!!!!

Learning Centers in all DPSCD Schools will be open beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Mason Academy's Learning Centers will be open from 8:30am until 3:40pm beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2021 and will remain open every week day there after until

further notice. There are differences between the Learning Center and Face 2 Face instruction. In the Learning Centers, students will be socially distanced and will received support with technology from our instructional support staff. **They will receive their instruction from their teachers virtually.**

In Face 2 Face instruction, students will be socially distanced but receive instruction and instructional support from a teacher that will be in the room with them throughout the day. We do not have a date when Face 2 Face instruction will begin. When we are given a date, we will share it with you.

Here are our expectations for Learning Center Participation:

- Students must wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times.
- Students must wear their school uniform daily.
- All students will enter the building through Door 4 between 8:15am & 8:45am. This will take time because students must go through COVID-19 Screening Protocols individually.
- Walkers and students picked up by their parents will dismiss from the building out Door 3 at 3:35pm.
- Bus Riders must follow all COVID-19 protocols while on the bus as if they were still in the building. Failure to follow these expectations may result in removal from the bus.
- Parents must make an appointment to enter the building. Please call 313-866-3700 or text 313-706-4632 to schedule your appointment.
- All students that have received their books for Quarter 3 and their loaner laptop must bring their books, loaner laptop and power cord with them daily. Students that have received Loaner Laptops will not receive another laptop for use in the building.
- All persons in the building must maintain 6 foot social distance at all times and in all areas of the building.
- All students will participate in orientation upon return to the learning centers. All students are expected to follow the guidelines of the Code of Conduct. **Failure to follow expectations established during the orientation may result in removal from the learning center.**
- **Learning Center hours are 8:30am to 3:40pm. Students must be picked up on time to allow our custodial staff to clean and sanitize the building.**



COVID-19 Screening Tool for Families

Parents and guardians, use this checklist *every day* before sending your children to school.

If you answer "YES" to one or more questions, you **must** keep your child home from school today.

Does your child have any unusual symptoms from the list below?

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A fever? (Temperature greater than 100.4° F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A new or worsening cough? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Headache and/or sore throat? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Runny nose and/or congestion? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body aches and/or tiredness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vomiting and/or diarrhea? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | New loss of smell or taste? |

If the answer to any of the questions above is "yes", keep your child home and consult your primary care physician. If a doctor determines that the symptoms are due to another diagnosis, or COVID-19 is ruled out, your child may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours **without** the use of fever-reducing medications.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child had close contact with anyone who had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test in the past 14 days? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child traveled out of the US by airplane in the last 14 days? |

If the answer to either of these questions is "yes", your child must stay home to quarantine for 14 days since last contact or return to US.

Report any confirmed or suspected cases:

In the City of Detroit:

[Detroit Health Department](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (313) 876-4000

After Hours Call Center: (313) 876-4000

Dr. Kenetra Young: kyoung@detroitmi.gov - (313) 594-7683

Outside the City of Detroit:

[Wayne County Public Health Division](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (734) 727-7078

After Hours Call Center: (734) 727-7284

Mary Roman: maryroman@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7150

Nyenna Wachek: nyennawachek@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7253

Lukas Ayers: lukasayers@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7076



ATTEND TO WIN!

Count Day & Beyond Attendance Incentive - February 10, 2021

Daily attendance improves student performance and – especially during the pandemic – allows us to maintain social-emotional connections with classmates and teachers that truly helps our students' mental wellbeing. Learning can be fun every day, especially when showing up can mean winning great prizes.

To encourage engagement and daily attendance beginning on Count Day, Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) is offering special incentives for student attendance beginning on Count Day and continuing through Tuesday, March 2, 2021. This includes:

Special Teams backgrounds for all students that attend on Count Day, February 10, 2021
Free food vouchers for the school with the most improved attendance the week of February 10 – 23, 2021

Grand Prize! Chance to win one of ten brand new gaming consoles - PlayStation 5 (PS5) or Xbox X!

Read more below for information on how you can qualify!

How to Qualify for the Grand Prize Game Console Giveaway!

All Grades from Kindergarten through Grade 12 are eligible and will be entered into a random drawing by meeting the following requirements:

Attend each of your scheduled classes at least once (Feb 10 – Mar 2)

Attending each of your scheduled classes once equals One (1) Entry: Students will be entered into a random drawing one (1) time if they attend each of their scheduled classes between Wednesday, February 10, 2021 and Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Attend all scheduled classes for five (5) days (Feb 10 – Feb 23)

Five (5) days equals Three (3) Entries: Students will be entered into a random drawing three (3) times if they attend all scheduled classes for all five (5) days beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 through Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Attend all scheduled classes for ten (10) days (Feb 10 – Mar 2)

Ten (10) days equals Five (5) Entries: Students will be entered into a random drawing five (5) times if they attend all scheduled classes for all days beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 through Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Reminder - no classes will occur from February 15, 2021 to February 19, 2021 for mid-winter break.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded via random drawing for all students who meet the qualifications above.

- **Raffle Prizes:**

Ten (10) qualified students will be randomly chosen to win either a PlayStation 5 (PS5) or Microsoft Xbox X gaming console during the week of March 8 – 12, 2021.

Please note: While we will do our best to ensure a speedy delivery, DPSCD is not responsible for retailer and/or manufacturer delays in ordering and/or shipping units to the District. Understanding the demand is very high for these gaming consoles, DPSCD will deliver the gaming consoles to the winning students immediately upon receiving the units.

Timeline:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 through Tuesday, March 2, 2021

CONTEST RULES

The “Attend to Win! Count Day & Beyond Attendance Incentive - February 10, 2021” contest is hosted by Detroit Public Schools Community District, 3011 W Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202. No purchase necessary. Must be a currently enrolled Detroit Public Schools Community District student and must be marked present in each of their scheduled classes at least once between Wednesday, February 10, 2021 through Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to be eligible for raffle prizes. Students will qualify for additional raffle entries if they attend all scheduled classes for five (5) or ten (10) consecutive days. PowerSchool attendance data will be used to verify attendance. Students can qualify for either 1, 3, or 5 entries (i.e. a student that attends all scheduled classes for 10 days will only earn 5 entries).

Prize winners will be announced the week of March 8 – 12, 2021. A list of all randomly drawn student winners will be posted on detroitk12.org on March 12, 2021. Prizes shall be determined in the sole discretion of the District and include: ten (10) raffle winners to receive gaming consoles prizes (Sony PlayStation 5 and/or Microsoft Xbox X) in a value no greater than \$500.00 per winner.

TERMS/CONDITIONS

By participating in this contest, Detroit Public Schools Community District (“District”) as well as its agents, contractors, successors and subsidiaries permission to use the randomly selected student’s name, image, voice, and likeness (“image”) after verifying the student has a signed parent/guardian media release on file. If a valid media release is not on file, the District will request a parent/guardian signature of a new media release to further grant exclusive permission to the District with respect to the use of the student’s image in any photograph, video, film, or other form of media (“media”) without limitation in any or all of the District’s marketing publications, including but not limited to web-based publications, brochures, multi-media, and print media without payment or other consideration. This media release consent allows the District to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, license or otherwise distribute the media (“license”) in any manner, and waives the right to inspect or approve of any draft or finished product and further waive any claim to any payment, royalties or other form of compensation arising from or related to the District’s creation or use of an image and media. All media and images are the exclusive property of the District and will not be provided nor returned to any individual. Upon consent verification, all parent/guardians release, defend, and hold harmless the District and any individual or entity publishing or distributing the media and image, whether in draft form or finished product, in whole or in part from any and all claims, damages, demands, judgments, liabilities and causes of action which you, your successors and heirs, representatives, executors, administrators have or may have arising from or related to the terms of this document, the use or dissemination of your likeness or the media. Additionally, you agree that the District has the unilateral right to elect whether to post/not post, use/not use your image and media and has the unequivocal right to delete any post or impression that includes your image and media and in its sole discretion may block any user from its platform.

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Mason Academy School

Spelling Bee Results:

5th—8th Grade Competitors

1st Place—Karien Mitchell

2nd Place—Jessica Horton

3rd—Shalynn Kitchen

Kindergarten—4th Grade Competitors

1st Place—Kevin Braithwaite

WXYZ Channel 7 Spelling Bee

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

National Scripps Spelling Bee

June 1-3, 2021

National Harbor, MD

Panorama Student Survey Completion for 3rd—8th Grade Students

Below are directions on how you can access and complete your assigned surveys:

Hold your mouse over the link below. Press and hold the "Ctrl" key and click the left mouse button

1. Visit <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/detroit/login>.
1. When prompted for an "Access Code," enter your student ID number.
 2. In the top left corner, choose your language.
 3. Choose a survey from your queue to "Start Survey."

At the bottom of the survey screen, click the "Submit" button once you have answered all questions.



Upcoming Events at Mason Academy

- February 2021: Black History Month
- Learning Center Reopens: February 24
- 4th-8th Grade Quarter 2 Honor Roll & Citizenship Ceremony 11am—12pm
- Kindergarten-3rd Grade Quarter 2 Honor Roll & Citizenship Ceremony 12:15pm—1:15pm
- Black History Poetry Slam & Virtual Program: February 25, 2021 (<https://bit.ly/2MdzYLE>)

Get In-Person Support At a Technology & Family Resource HUB!!!!

13 locations will drive direct support services and resources to District students and families.

Schools	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eastside						
East English Village		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.				10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
King High School	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		10 a.m. - 7 p.m.			
Denby High School		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		
Pershing High School	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.				10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	

To learn more about the support you can receive to ensure our students are able to stay engaged in Virtual Instruction, please click here. [Technology Resource Hub](#)



Theory of Knowledge

How do we know what we claim to know?

1. Language
2. Sense Perception
3. Emotion
4. Reason
5. Imagination
6. Intuition
7. Memory
8. Faith

