



June 5, 2020

Dear Tiger Families,

It seems so far away and yet it is here! The last week of school is next week! Next Friday will be the final update for the 2019-2020 school year and then we will begin updates on the 2020-2021 school year.

We greatly enjoyed congratulating our kindergarten students yesterday. Nothing could replace the smiles on their faces except for a hug! We look forward to the day we are able to give those warm embraces again, but it felt good to be able to see our families in person! We look forward to seeing the rest of you next week! Please find this week's updates below.

1 TO 1 TECHNOLOGY

I am very excited to share that we will officially be a 1 to 1 technology school next year! We will be able to provide a technology device for each of our students to use for school related needs. With this, we need to make sure that students take care of their technology equipment by using the devices correctly and keeping them safe from damage to ensure we can remain a 1 to 1 school. Whether we are learning in the school building or outside of the school building, our students will now have access daily.

EXECUTIVE ORDER UPDATES

As you have heard, the Governor has lifted the stay at home order. What this means is that we are able to begin some regular work in our school buildings. Our office will officially reopen June 15th. A limited number of people will be able to be in the building to conduct business. Anyone entering the building will be required to wear a face covering such as a mask or face shield and observe the 6 feet distancing requirement.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00am until 12:00pm. We will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday from June 29th through July 3rd.

FACE COVERINGS

We wanted to find a solution that was both within the safety guidelines and understanding of the reality of what a teacher endures during a school day. The thought of our teachers teaching all day while wearing a mask seems really challenging. We took the liberty to order face shields for all of our staff and students for the upcoming school year. We believe that both students and teachers need to be able to see each other's faces and be heard clearly. If a student has a mask that they would prefer to wear that is an option. We want to be flexible to everyone's needs and also provide a safe and healthy environment.

I wore the face shield for the kindergarten celebration yesterday. I was outside in the heat for 4 hours while wearing it and I felt that it was much easier and more comfortable than wearing a mask. After the initial awkwardness of it, I had no issues or discomfort in wearing it. Others may feel differently. Our goal is safety first and as comfortable as possible second.

The item we purchased for our younger students is the UpShield Reusable Premium Face Shields for Kids, High Impact Tapered Material, Anti-fog and Antistatic Coating, Clear Protective Visor, Full Face Covered - Kids Version (red).

The item we purchase for our older students is the same we purchased for our staff, the Protective Face Shields by ICU Health - Safety Protection for Face and Eyes; Comfortable and Adjustable for Men, Women, and Children.

MEAL SERVICE

Current meal service ends June 10th. We are still awaiting approval for meal service over the summer. We will update you with details as we receive them.

I also would like to address the lack of variation in the meals. The caterer expressed challenges in obtaining several items because of demand. I am sorry that we were unable to provide more options; I definitely understand the difficulty it can create with our children. Our team has put a request in for certain items that we know the students prefer and our caterer is going to try to get them if we are approved for food service over the summer.

YEAR END STUDENT ITEM PICK UP

During the last week of school, you will turn in all school textbooks, technology, and materials, as well as pick up all of your student's belongings and have them wave goodbye to their teachers. If you'd like to participate, please have your kiddos dress up in either Tiger spirit gear or Superhero gear. Let's make it the best spirit week and go all out! If you'd like to decorate your cars for Tipton Tiger Superheroes, please do!

I have included the schedule for next week in the REMINDERS section below.

SUMMER DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

This program will begin on July 6th and run Monday-Thursday until August 6th. If you registered, information regarding your child's summer teacher will be coming next week.

WHAT NEXT

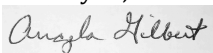
Next week, we have much to celebrate with the graduation of our 8th graders, kindergarteners, and our preschool students planning their first days of school. As we close out this school year, we are still planning for the upcoming school year. Soon, you will receive the calendar for next year and hopefully we will all receive guidance on what we can expect. While we have several options in place, more information is needed to solidify exactly what next year will look like. All we can say for now is that we are prepared for whichever direction we must take and will continue to seek information and understanding to close those gaps. Please stick with us as we move through the coming months in preparing to provide the very best we can for our families.

We are still accepting enrollment for next year. If you did not complete re-enrollment information and would like to, please contact the main office. Please go to our website www.tipton-academy.org. WE MISS YOU!!! WE WANT TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!

THANK YOU

As always, to each and every one of our Tiger family members, YOU ARE ENOUGH! YOU ARE SEEN! YOU ARE THOUGHT OF! YOU ARE IMPORTANT! AND YOU MATTER IN OUR LIVES! We are in this together! Sending hugs and love to our entire Tiger family!

Thank you,



Mrs. Angela Gilbert
Superintendent, Tipton Academy

REMINDERS

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school will be June 11th. Teachers will be continuing to grade work the last week of school, as well as schedule ZOOM meetings. Your child's ZOOM schedule may change the last week of school due to scheduled pick up times. Their teacher will communicate with you directly of any changes.

SCHEDULE FOR YEAR END STUDENT ITEM PICK UP

Please review the message below from Dr. Lackey regarding the schedule and procedures for our year end closeout.

Tipton Parent(s)

We have developed a schedule for students to pick-up their items at the school. The school's staff will still be following all social distancing guidelines for the pick-up process and we ask that all of our Tipton families do the same. The pick-up process will operate similar to the arrival procedure at both campuses. We will have staff posted at our normal morning drop-off areas to give you your student's belongings and turn in any school items you have. Please do not leave the inside of your vehicles. You will only have to drive up to the staff member and tell them your student's name and teacher. The staff will place your student's items in the trunk or backseat of your vehicle. All borrowed technology, chargers, books, and materials owned by the school will need to be returned to the staff member on your pick-up day to receive your student's belongings.

There will be a make-up day on Thursday by appointment if you did not get a chance to come to the school on your scheduled pick-up day or if you need the technology in order to finish classwork. Additionally, you will need to dojo the admin team (Dr. Lackey or Mrs. Orlando) if you are going to have someone who is not on the schools emergency card coming to pick-up your student's belongings. Those individuals will still be expected to follow the pick-up protocols outlined in this email. Families with more than 3 students attending the school are recommended to schedule an appointment for Thursday. We understand that coming on multiple days could be an issue for those families. Your pick-up time will depend on your student's last name. All pick-up information can be found below.

Thank you,
Dr. Lackey

Information & Details

Dates: June 8th-11th

Times: 10am-3pm

- 10am-12pm: Student Pick-Up Last Names A-M
- 1pm-3pm: Student Pick-Up Last Names N-Z

Student Pick-Up Schedule

Monday (June 8th)

East ONLY

- GSRP- Cox/Donna
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Tuesday (June 9th)

East

- GSRP-Livingston/Katy
- KDG- Randles
- 1st- Warrington
- 2nd- Dick
- 3rd- Fitz

West

- 4th- Pilarczyk
 - 5th- Sayen
 - 6th- Woodcock/ Randles/ Buzz
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Wednesday (June 10th)

East

- GSRP-Frick/Berry
- KDG- Kesteloot
- 1st- Bonnell
- 2nd- Rosenberry
- 3rd- Valla

West

- 4th- Dudley
 - 5th- Rodler
 - 7th- Marlow/Simpson/Buzz
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Thursday (June 11th)

East

- GSRP-Adams/April
- KDG- McIvor
- 1st- Kaczor
- 3rd- Manzo

West

- 5th- Hunter
- 8th- Marlow/Randles/Woodcock
- Make-up appointments

REPORT CARDS

Your student's final report card will be mailed out the week of June 15th.

COVID-19 UPDATES

We want all of our Tigers safe and healthy as we continue to move through this. Please be diligent about washing hands, social distancing, wearing non-medical masks if you leave your home, and not visiting with people that do not live in your home.

It is extremely important that if you or a member of your household are being tested for the COVID 19 virus that you contact Dr. Lackey, Mrs. Orlando, or myself through DOJO, email, or calling the school phone number as soon as possible.