



May 8, 2020

Dear Tiger Families,

I'd like to start out by thanking all of you today! While this week was one where we celebrated, all of our schoolteachers and staff, we have a whole new set of teachers on the home front! All of you have had to jump in without warning, without training, and manage your work, your homes, and now school work too. We realize this has been a huge undertaking and it has been met with many challenges and stressors, but our level of engagement overall at Tipton is so high that we have you to thank for that! We know that the work is not over and we still have many uncertainties for the future, but we wanted to take a moment to thank you for joining our ranks and helping to grow our students academically, socially, and emotionally. It has not been easy, we know, but we are in this together, getting school done the best we all can. With that said, on behalf of the entire Tipton team, thank you parents for all that you are doing to keep school alive and well at home!

I also would like to thank you for showing your love and appreciation to our team this week! To know that the hard work they are putting in while missing the thing they love most about their job—seeing their kids grow and learn—put smiles on their faces and warmed their hearts. Thank you again for all that you did to support Team Tipton this week!

Please see the updates below.

#### **CHARTER DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

Every year, Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA) celebrates charter schools and their success stories during National Charter School Week. Typically, it is an event hosted at the capitol building in Lansing and is filled with student presentations, speakers, and celebration. There are visits to and from legislators advocating for charter schools.

This year they have changed the style of the program but are still hosting it. The event will be shown through Facebook live and last 45 minutes. They have asked us to share this information with our families and to also have our school communities take pictures of themselves in school spirit gear to post in their comments during the event. We would love to see our amazing school represented.

The event will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 11:30am on Facebook at Michigan's Charter Schools.

#### **SUMMER DISTANCE LEARNING READING PROGRAM**

We received a grant to provide a summer reading program this year. The plan we had for it has changed under the current circumstances. We will be providing a distance-learning program. We will have plans and sign up forms coming out soon.

#### **YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

Thank you to everyone that completed the survey from last week. As we have continued to receive feedback from the survey, we have proceeded with finding a program that will help

to make your lives at home easier and will have a single sign-on process for students. This means that students will only have to login into the one program and all of the online resources that we use will be inside that program. You will not need to remember different logins or try to manage all of the different apps. While this won't be in place for the rest of this school year, our goal is to be ready and prepared to support you next year.

To continue to best serve our families, please complete the new survey below.

Complete Survey 2: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DQKQZL>

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

We have time set up just for you! These office hours can be used to discuss information you are receiving, plans for next year, or ask questions. You do not need to sign on for the entire hour. You only have to join for the time that you need. If you are struggling with accessing us through ZOOM, please email [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org).

Superintendent office hours for the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

*Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11am-12pm*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88609481943?pwd=dS92bEtTWXlrNmZzcHJ2cDIPbHJ3QT09>

*Meeting ID: 886 0948 1943 Password: 402321*

*Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11am-12pm*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89873146936?pwd=YW95UzRjQkYxcjQ3NGFGdTg0cWhzUT09>

*Meeting ID: 898 73146936 Password: 890925*

### **MEALS SERVED**

Our frontline meal service team has been hard at work for the last eight weeks! They served 3,120 meals this week! For April and March combined, our team served a total of 21,120 meals to families in our community! Awesome job to our team! Thank you to our families that have shared outside of our Tipton community to help others too!

### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

Fortunately, we have received no information regarding new cases of COVID-19 in our direct Tipton family. The previous families are stable and recovering at home. 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.*

### **WHAT NEXT**

The Governor has extended the "Stay Put" order until May 28<sup>th</sup>. We are tentatively planning a schedule for June to have students and staff members pick up their belongings and close up their classrooms for the school year. As details are finalized, we will communicate it out to you.

Graduations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and kindergarten are being finalized as well as a virtual celebration for GSRP. Those details will be coming out soon.

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. WE MISS YOU!!! WE WANT TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!

Please click for the 2020-2021 school year enrollment form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuXujYEBq0snITi6jNjWFWHfKf6feJA2bPTgajFSeI3FYATA/viewform>

### **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**

#### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

The Governor's executive order requires that we continue providing learning as we have been. Please understand that participation in distance learning is not optional.

#### **DIGITAL ACCESS**

If you are struggling with access to equipment or Internet, it is imperative that you contact us right away. Please send a DOJO message or to Dr. Lackey at [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org). Comcast is also making its Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots free for anyone to use. Millions of the hotspots are scattered throughout the country; you can find hotspot locations at [wifi.xfinity.com](http://wifi.xfinity.com).

#### **TIME ON SCHOOLWORK**

There have been many questions about how much time your child should be spending on schoolwork each day. This is new to all of us and as we work on meaningful teaching and learning we want it to be appropriate for all of our children. Here is the guide that we will be using at Tipton.

*GSRP:* Approximately 60 minutes per day.

*K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* Approximately 90 minutes per day including all subjects. With an additional 15-30 minutes if needing additional services in MTSS, Special Education, or ELL.

*3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade:* Approximately 120 minutes per day including all subjects. With an additional 15-30 minutes if needing additional services in MTSS, Special Education, or ELL.

*6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Approximately 150 minutes per day with 30 minutes per subject for 5 subjects.*  
With an additional 15-30 minutes if needing additional services in MTSS, Special Education, or ELL.

Please remember, this is our guide for parents and teachers. Some days may be a little more while other days may be a little less, but this information will help all of us to plan our days.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, ELL, Homelessness**

Our team members that are providing these services and accommodations are working to provide support to those students that qualify in these areas. If you need additional assistance, please contact the following coordinators:

Special Education: Mrs. Heather Young, [hyoung@tipton-academy.org](mailto:hyoung@tipton-academy.org)

Section 504: Mrs. Karla Orlando, [korlando@tipton-academy.org](mailto:korlando@tipton-academy.org)

English Language Learner: Mrs. Jessica Randles, [jrandles@tipton-academy.org](mailto:jrandles@tipton-academy.org)

Homelessness: Dr. Kyle Lackey, [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org)

### **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

We will be scheduling Zoom parent meetings with the families attending to discuss details as information is finalized.

### **STUDENT ITEMS AT SCHOOL**

Our buildings are remaining closed at this time. If are in need of critical items that are at the school, please contact the school via phone, email, or DOJO.

### **MEAL SERVICE (Ends June 10<sup>th</sup>)**

*Any child 18 and under or special needs child 26 and under is eligible.*

**Monday:** 3 Breakfast Meals, 3 Lunch Meals, 3 White Milks, 3 Chocolate Milks

**Wednesday:** 4 Breakfast Meals, 4 Lunch Meals, 4 White Milks, 4 Chocolate Milks

### **SUPPORT**

Social and emotional support during this time is essential for all of us and especially our children. If your child needs additional support, please contact the following members:

School Social Worker: Mrs. Julie Redwine, [jredwine@tipton-academy.org](mailto:jredwine@tipton-academy.org)

Vice Principal: Mrs. Karla Orlando, [korlando@tipton-academy.org](mailto:korlando@tipton-academy.org)

Principal: Dr. Kyle Lackey, [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org)

Superintendent: Mrs. Angela Gilbert, [agilbert@tipton-academy.org](mailto:agilbert@tipton-academy.org)

We'll be there for you...Watch our video to see our message to our Tiger families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdjVvM9waws>