

Good Evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Tomorrow, Monday, January 17th there is no school in honor of Dr. MLK Jr. Day. Tuesday, January 18th will be an EVEN Day.

- **PTSA Teacher Appreciation Item Drive and Video Requests:** We love our amazing LMS teachers and staff! The LMS PTSA & SGA are teaming up to create special care/gift bags for all Loiederman teachers, staff, and bus drivers to show our support and appreciation for them during this very challenging time. **If you're interested in helping, please sign up to purchase and drop off items using the link below. You or your student can drop off items on Tuesday January 18th or Wednesday, January 19th. Items can be dropped off on the cart in the main entrance.** If you would prefer to make a **short video** expressing your appreciation, please record a video and add it to the Google drive that is listed below.

SignUpGenius:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AB2FA4FE3-lmsteacher>

Google Drive for Parent "thank you"

Videos: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XR8Ri1el3VERvJFq52VMWgFw8xpqBmZZ?usp=sharing>

- **COVID Reporting:** MCPS created [a Google form](#) for reporting your student's COVID-19 test results. We want to be sure families understand the timeline around exposures and positive tests. We have provided a [quarantine calculator](#) with all of the dates to help families determine if their child should return to school after testing positive for COVID-19. Again, please use the link above to report if your student tested positive and please use the calculator to determine timelines for your student's return to school.
- **Extra Curricular Activities:** Students who participate in extracurricular activities, your sponsors will be reaching out to you in the coming days with details. Please keep an eye on your Gmail!
- **PTSA Direct Donation Link for Picnic Tables:** The Loiederman PTSA is starting a direct donation campaign to help fund multiple picnic tables to support the continuation of outdoor lunches this school year and the years to come! If you are interested in making a donation, please use this direct donation link https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2SLVFHZY9VQUJ
- **MLK Jr. Day Volunteer Opportunity:**
 - **Who:** Join the East Silver Spring Elementary School PTA, East Silver Spring Civic Association, Girl Scout Junior Troop 34024 and Brownie Troop 34099, and other community groups in a morning of service.
 - **When:** Jan. 17th 10am-12
 - **Where:** Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
 - **What:** Drop off donations of new, unused household items such as pots, plates, cutlery, pillows, comforters, sheets, towels, toiletries and more to families in need--including families newly arriving to our community from Afghanistan.

Sign up to offer longer term support. Have your little one bring or create a card or picture for a senior and bring it to Church of the Ascension. Kids can also make a card at the church. The cards will be delivered to area nursing homes. *Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing when dropping off items.*

- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fair:** The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair, co-sponsored by MCPS and the Montgomery County Chapter of the NAACP, has been scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2022. The event will take place virtually for students in Grades 8–12 and their families to meet with representatives from over 50 historically black colleges and universities. Student and family registration tools are open using this [link](#).

Make sure to visit our [January Newsletter](#) to stay updated with all LMS Lion News and to check out the [LMS PTSA Page on Facebook](#). Stay well, stay safe, and thank you for staying connected to Loiederman. Have a good evening!