



District Update January 8, 2021

Materials Distribution

The last day of pickups takes place at both schools on Saturday from 8 to 10 am.

Cohort B and Opt Outs in grades K, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8th grade parents who received emails have items to pick up.

Week Ending Student Memo

The first paragraph below was sent to Memorial students today during their lunch break. The entire text below was sent to MAS students during their lunch break as it is more age appropriate for the older kids. Feel free to share with your children based on your parental discretion. We have teachable moments in life that can hopefully result in something good coming from something very bad, and perhaps this may be one.

Students:

As we end the first week back to school after our winter break I simply wanted to say, we miss you. Although some of you are in school two days a week and we love seeing you, it is not enough, and so we miss you. We enjoy seeing you on Google Meet but it is not the same, and so we miss you. I hope and pray that things get better real soon and we can see you again the real way, and we won't have to miss you anymore. But as we wait for that day, just know that we miss you.

I am sure by now you have seen and heard quite a bit about the disgusting actions that took place at the Capitol in Washington DC. I communicated with your parents and teachers yesterday to make sure that they kept an eye on you in case you just needed to vent or receive some support for just being upset or not yourself. Please know that if you did feel that way and kept it in, or if you feel that way maybe next week or the next, that it is more than OK to let it out and let an adult help you with your feelings. Please know that we are here for you.

What took place in the very building that our 8th graders visit each year and that stands for our democracy was wrong, illegal and it has absolutely no place in our country or anywhere else for that matter. Mom and dad have taught you from a very early age the difference between right and wrong and our schools and your teachers try to reinforce that with mom and dad. What you saw Wednesday has no room for discussion - it was and always will be wrong. Having a difference of opinion, disagreeing with others and their ideas and expressing yourself is what this country stands for but make no mistake, using violence such as what you saw Wednesday is not the answer. Those who engaged in that criminal behavior will be held accountable, punished and their lives and the people they harmed will be changed forever. It is ok to have emotions because of what you saw. It is ok to be mad and upset but we hope your emotions inspire you to continue to mature and grow as a proud citizen of this great country. Use the emotions to remind yourself that it is important to contribute to your society in great ways that will help show that the evil you saw Wednesday has no place anywhere.

What you saw will be described on television with many words and adjectives of all sorts. What you saw will be shown on endless TikToks, Tweets and social media posts. At the end of the day all of that can get a bit overwhelming and so it is important to talk, ask questions and find comfort when you need it. Lean on us and on your parents. We may not have all the answers but we can help.

I end this note as I started this note by saying, WE MISS YOU.

Mr. Jordan