

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Day 14! It has been great to have all of our learners engaged with us. So many people deserve a standing ovation:

Our nurses for their diligence in keeping us safe.

Our custodial crew for keeping our buildings clean.

Our students for adjusting to their new learning environments, either in person or remotely.

Our teachers and support staff for adapting each day to meet the needs of our students.

Our parents and guardians for your support and keeping kids home when symptoms arise.

Our administration, office, tech and District staff for creating and managing a complex system.

Our School Board and PTO for your time and thoughtfulness in supporting our staff.

And our Food Service Staff for keeping us all well fed!

**The Kinnikinnick School Board has approved a School Improvement Day for November 2nd and remember this year Illinois has a legal holiday on November 3rd. Students will not be in session on these days. The last day of student attendance is projected and updated to June 2. Our calendar can be found [here](#).**

The Kinnikinnick District is not immune to COVID-19. We have had cases in two of our four buildings impacting both staff and students. I am encouraged to say that all are doing well and we appreciate the flexibility that everyone has shown as we roll between in person and remote, quarantine and isolation. We have several mitigation protocols in place that we continue to rely on for everyone's safety. We continue to ask that you keep an open dialogue with the nurses and teachers if your child or family is impacted.

A few reminders for **in- person learners**:

- Gaiters and masks with vents or exhaust valves are **not** allowed.
- Parents should **not** send **students or siblings** to school if any of these apply;
  - Fever (100.4 F or higher); Muscle or body aches; Fatigue of unknown cause; New onset of moderate to severe headache; Shortness of breath; New cough; Sore throat; Nausea; Vomiting; Diarrhea; Abdominal pain from unknown cause; New congestion/runny nose (not attributed to allergies or a pre-existing condition); New loss of taste or smell
  - Someone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19
  - Known close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Please make a habit of washing your masks throughout the week.

A few reminders for **remote learners**:

- Daily attendance is being recorded. A student must be present in total for their school day to be counted present.
- Headphones with a microphone might be helpful for learners who become distracted in their home environment.
- This great resource for remote families provides on-demand classes about the platforms we are using. <https://ltcillinois.org/>

Looking forward to more days to come!

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