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Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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TN Ready starts for Virtual Students this week

TN Ready Testing Begins

This week we kick-off TN Ready testing with our Virtual students this Wednesday April 21 and Saturday April 24. We begin testing for our in-person students on Monday April 26.

Virtual Testing Info:

All virtual students testing this week, can arrive as early as 8:30 am and will enter through entrance near the cafeteria. Students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch. Most students will test in the gym, but students with testing accommodations will test in small groups in other rooms. Students will stay in their testing rooms throughout the day. Virtual students will have breaks and the opportunity to pick up their lunch and eat their lunch in their testing rooms. Virtual students, who are car riders, will have the opportunity to call home to get picked up when they finish testing. **Virtual students testing on Saturdays must attend both Saturday's and will need to be car riders or walkers.** There will not be a bus available to pick up students testing on Saturdays. We will have a nurse on hand on Saturdays for students who have medical needs (ex. medications). If your child needs any medical assistance, please notify our nurse when you drop off your child off.

General Testing Info:

During testing weeks, **students should bring their computers and back packs. Students may also bring phones, but no smart watches (ex. Apple Watches). However, all devices will need to be powered off and stowed away from the students during testing.** If you have any additional questions about testing, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or email our testing coordinator Ms. Davis at laura.davis.mnps.org. Our staff has been doing TN Ready review with students to help them prepare. At home, please make sure your child is getting adequate rest. Also, please encourage your child not to stress about the test, but to give their best! We will use the test results to gauge our students' strengths and the areas in need of support. No matter how they perform, if they give their best they are already on the road to greatness!



Attendance

Parents please continue to remind your child to log in and out of Schoology everyday and attend all live sessions on Monday through Friday. **Our average daily attendance continues to climb. We are currently at 91%, but our goal is 95% or higher.** In-person students are expected to attend school Monday through Friday unless they are sick or have another excusable reason for being absent. Please remember to send any sick or excuse notes to your child's homeroom teacher or the attendance secretary (christian.henry@mnps.org). Also, please reach out to them if your child is having difficulty logging in. We appreciate your support as we continue to increase our average daily attendance!

TN Ready Spirit Week

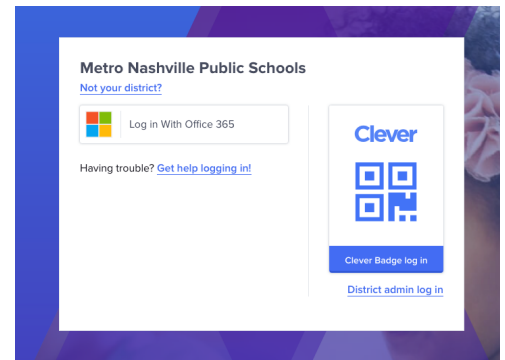
To celebrate the kick-off of TN Ready, the Marshall Yearbook Club organized the TN Ready Spirit Week. The Spirit Week started Thursday April 15th and runs through Wednesday April 21st. Each day has a special dress up theme. Themes included the following: Native Attire/Culture Day, Drip Day, Executive Day, Code Purple Day, and Front Line Worker Day. The Spirit Week was a great opportunity for students and staff to show their school pride and celebrate culture, heroes, and focus on their future success as we move into our testing period.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

- **Daily Attendance-** To meet daily attendance requirements and avoid truancy letters and notifications, your child must login and logout of Schoology and attend scheduled live sessions every school day. If there is an issue with logging in, please notify your grade level secretary and teachers for assistance. In-person students must attend classes daily. If they are sick they must send notification to the grade level secretary and homeroom teacher.
- **Technology Requests-** If your child needs a computer assistance or hotspot, please go to Glen Cliff High School (160 Antioch Pike). They will assign computers for those who have not received a MNPS computer yet. If you currently have a MNPS computer and are having issues, you can contact the Help Desk at 615-269-5956 or you can take the computer to Glen Cliff High School. To request school help with technology related issues (ex. logging in, Schoology, etc.) please contact your child's homeroom teacher.
- **Virtual Students TN Ready testing- Option 1: Weds. April 21st to Friday April 23rd, OR Option 2: Two consecutive Saturdays: Saturday April 24th and Saturday May 1st, Virtual Parents please click on link to select testing option.**
- **In-Person TN Ready testing-** Monday April 26th to Friday April 30th
- **Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14th-** Final MAP testing for Virtual Students May 3rd-7th, MAP testing for In-person students May 10th-14th
- **Wednesday, May 19th-** Socially Distanced Block Party/Cook out
- **Tuesday, May 25th-** Last day for students. Half-day.

Schoology Support

- **Watch Parent Schoology Training on 9/15/20 Learn how parents log into Schoology and check your child's grades and other data**
- WWW.bit.ly/TMMSVL101
- **How students upload assignments in Schoology**
<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6aeeccc9f-7b71-4045-afca-661b94e8bef8>
- **How to log into Schoology**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsjERHNSzow&feature=youtu.be>
- **How to get Schoology alerts for absences, late work, grades, etc.**
- <https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201000903-Parent-Email-Digest-and-Overdue-Notifications-Email>



Students use Clever to login to Schoology
<http://www.clever.com/in/mnps>



Faculty & Staff show off their unique style from various decades!



5th Grader, Emmanuel shows his drip!



Students test air planes in STEM class