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Happy Monday!!!!

COVID-19 Vaccine

Special thanks and praises to our colleagues who made an incredible sacrifice and took an unprecedented risk for personal, professional, and community safety by taking the Covid-19 vaccine on Saturday. We had 96 employees vaccinated. I must also rave over Lead Nurse Gray and Nurse Campbell who worked tirelessly the whole day to make our coworkers comfortable and to facilitate the process. Finally, a huge gesture of thanks to our contacts at East Alabama Medical Center. There are many school systems hoping for this type of pandemic support, and we were fortunate to receive it!

Webinar Wednesday, January 27 at 3:00 pm.

A "Let's STOP the spread" webinar has been planned for you Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. A zoom link will be sent to you at least 30 minutes before the session. We are having this meeting to re-emphasize protocols if you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 or live in the house with some one diagnosee.

For example:

- If you are on your Isolation with Covid or on quarantine / exposed because it is in your household, you should not be out of your home going place to place--even with a mask on.
- If a student in a household has tested positive/ don't allow parents to drop their siblings off at school; they should quarantine as they are exposed in the same household.
- Please report all known cases to the nurse, principal, or supervisor.

Current cases:

BTW-1 Adult; 2 Students
 DCW-1 Adult; 4 Student exposures
 GWC: 2 Students
 NHS-4 Adults; 3 Students; potential school wide exposure
 TMS-None
 TPS-2 Adults; potential school wide exposure
 CTE/SSC-None
 Maintenance-1 Adult; 1 Exposure
 Transportation: 6 Adults; department exposure
 School Nutrition: 1 Adult
 Central Office: None

As a result of the current number of cases we have, we are fully ORANGE at this time, and will halt all in-person classes through the end of this week. We will re-evaluate this weekend regarding next week's schedule.

From Macon County Schools' Mental Health Services

As we wrap up the second nine weeks and end the first semester, please plan your report card conferences. The suggested time to spend per child is 5-7 minutes. You may plan for each homeroom teacher to conference with each student listed on his/her homeroom roster if you would like. They will need to make sure each child can access his or her report card online (may be more difficult for elementary so they may need a hard copy or someone looking at their card to tell them what they have as this will have to be done virtually). Of course if you have a better way, please use it! Attached are the conference reflection sheets that will be needed per child as well. Please record their names on the sheets as they are met with. The person meeting with the student can go straight down the sheet asking the student what is listed and feeling in their responses. You may choose for them to meet with every student listed or for just those with the Ds and Fs. Please be sure the students with the Ds and Fs are referred to the PST. It is the goal to have each child know that someone is looking and cares as these would be mentors for the students if we were not working in a virtual format. The report card conferences are expected to be completed after each report card distribution to hopefully identify and help

those that are deemed more at-risk than myself. I am also attaching certificates that can be copied on colored paper and provided per child or as needed or you can make your own. Even if they pass with all Ds they passed and a small certificate may cause them to work a little harder.

State Mask Order Extended

Governor Ivey extended the mask order last Thursday until March 5th. [Here](#) is a link to the order.

TIMS Interviewed on 12-Live: <https://www.wsfa.com/video/2021/01/14/tuskegee-institute-middle-school-app-winners/>
Congratulations to our TIMS app team led by Mrs. March Knight.

Upcoming Teacher Leader Meetings

The curriculum department will hold teacher leader meetings through February to dive into the new Math COS... 7-8 grade on the 3rd, 9/10 on the 10th, and 11/12 on the 17th. Elementary are the same dates in grade bands as well. Except from information later this week.

Teacher Leaders who Attended on January 6.

Dear Educator:

On behalf of Tuskegee University, we would like to congratulate you on your participation in the Professional Development workshop entitled "***Insights to Best Practices for Online Instruction***" funded by the Verizon Foundation and held on January 6, 2021. We hope that you found the workshop beneficial. We are happy to inform you that all verified participants are eligible to receive a modest stipend (up to \$50) in addition to a TU Participant Kit (up to \$50 value).

Receiving your rewards is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Complete the [3MARDECO Survey](#) to provide feedback on your experience during the workshop.
2. Complete the [W-9 Form](#) and return it to Ms. Tiffani Williams at twilliams1@tuskegee.edu who can also be contacted at [334-727-8453](tel:334-727-8453) for additional assistance; please be sure to include "VERIZON K-12 Workshop, Requested Information" in the subject heading of your email when submitting it.
3. To confirm interest in receiving the Participant Kit, please complete the following [Participant Kit Verification Form](#) to ensure that your materials are delivered to the proper location.

All steps must be completed by the deadline of January 31, 2021 in order to receive stipend and/or Participant Kit.

Resources as promised by the 3MARDECO team.
[MCSS PLC Directory Teacher - Google Slides \(urldefense.com\)](#)

Verizon Summer Program

Don't forget that the Verizon Foundation also supports the Verizon Innovative Learning (VIL) Program for Young Men of Color (6th, 7th and 8th grade males), which will resume in July 2021 with a three-week summer program for which **student applications open March 1, 2021**. Learn more about our program at www.tuskegee.edu/VILprogram. We look forward to working with you again in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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