



## Principal's Message 1.17.21

Parents,

Here are the updates for the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>:

### School for Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:

- School is closed on January 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day. This is a school holiday, NO SCHOOL. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

- We will begin the second semester 21<sup>st</sup> Century groups on Tuesday, 1/19 from 2:45-5:30. We will have some new kiddos joining 21<sup>st</sup> Century as well as returning students.
- Mask policy includes 21<sup>st</sup> Century staff. Masks are to be worn during 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

### West Hills Teachers of the Year:

- Congratulations to one of our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Megan Higgins and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Elaine Nelson!!! They have been chosen as our Teachers of the Year!!!! They have been chosen by their peers as our Teachers of the Year!!!

### Outdoor Classroom:

- Our outdoor classroom has been installed this weekend!!!! This was provided through the partnership with WHES and WHES Wolfpack Foundation!!! We will be planning a date and time for an official unveiling celebration for the community! ☺ More information to come!!!

### Covid-19 (Repeat):

- If your student has tested positive for COVID-19, exhibits any COVID-19 like symptoms or has been in close with a COVID-19 positive person, keep your child home until you have contacted the school nurse.
- Our school nurse is Gina Lothamer. She can be reached at 865-539-7850 clinic extension or e-mail to [Gina.lothamer@knoxschools.org](mailto:Gina.lothamer@knoxschools.org).

- Once the nurse has determined your return to school date, a member of the instructional team will notify you of the distance learning opportunities during your student's absence.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."  
~Martin Luther King*

