



**Lucy Craft**

**Laney**

**Community School**

Office Hours: 7:30 - 4:00p

School Hours: 8:25-3:10p

**February Newsletter**

This Month we celebrate:

**National African American/Black History** - we celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality.

- **St.Valentine's Day** - February 14th
- **Presidents Day** - February 19th



We will begin gradually welcoming back elementary students this month as we approach Phase 5 In-Person Learning:

- Monday, February 8 - High Five & Kindergarten begin **IN-PERSON**  
(1st - 5th grade **DISTANCE LEARNING**)
- Wednesday, February 10 - First & Second graders begin **IN-PERSON**  
(3rd - 5th grade **DISTANCE LEARNING**)
- Monday, February 22 - Third, Fourth & Fifth graders begin **IN-PERSON**



We will have some changes as we enter into Phase 5 In-Person learning. Arrival/dismissal protocols, visitors, breakfast/lunch routines and some staffing changes will take place, but one thing for sure that hasn't changed is the love we have for our Laney families. #LaneyStrong



To find out more information about how we plan to keep our students and staff safe in the building, please click on the following link:

[Lucy Laney In Person Building and Classroom Health and Safety Protocols](#)

Please join MPS Superintendent Ed Graff and other MPS leaders in a live, online Q&A event to answer all your questions about PreK-5 students returning to Phase 5 In-person learning in February.

The first part of the program will be a prerecorded video showcasing the **many health and safety practices** that will be in place to safely welcome PreK-5 students back into schools.

This pre-recorded session will be followed with a live Q&A with MPS leaders.

**When:** Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

- 10-10:30 a.m.: Prerecorded overview of safety and health practices
- 10:30- 12 Noon: Live Q&A with MPS leadership

**How to watch and participate:** This is a virtual program that you can watch online. To watch and submit questions online, on date and time above, visit this page. (The program and Q&A will be recorded and provided on this website at a later date.)

**NOTE:** The Q&A will **prioritize questions about PreK-5 In-Person learning** and related health and safety practices.





MPS originally stated that elementary students returning to in-person learning in February would need to return their devices to their schools and that devices should remain at schools. That process has now changed to the following:

- Students returning to in-person learning who have been using MPS technology for distance learning **will bring their devices (including power cord and adapter) to school and back home each day.**
- Students who have been **using personal technology during distance learning** will have access to a device at school and that device will remain at school.
- Students who have been using an MPS hotspot will **keep their hotspots at home** for school use to complete homework, etc.
- Students should **charge devices each night** at home to ensure devices are ready for school each day.



### **Community Information:**

- Webber Park Community Center is offering before & after school child care. [https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities\\_events/youth\\_programs/school-age\\_childcare](https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities_events/youth_programs/school-age_childcare)
- The state is offering a free at-home COVID-19 saliva test. You do not need to have symptoms in order to request a test, which must be taken during a video chat with a supervisor who makes sure the test is done properly. You then send the test to a lab which will test your saliva and email your results one to two days after they receive the sample. The saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test and is available at no cost for every Minnesotan, and insurance is not required. Request your at-home COVID-19 test here: [Minnesota Department of Health \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us)



Results should be available within a day or two after the lab processes your test. February 1st - 5th **No School** Teacher prep for Phase 5 In-Person learning

- February 8 -High-5 & Kindergarten return to In-Person learning, 3rd quarter begins & National African American Family Involvement Day
- February 10 -First & Second graders return to In-Person learning
- February 15 -Presidents Day - **No School**
- February 16 -Parent/Teacher Conferences - **No School**
- February 22 -3rd-5th graders return to In-Person learning

## Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16th, 2021

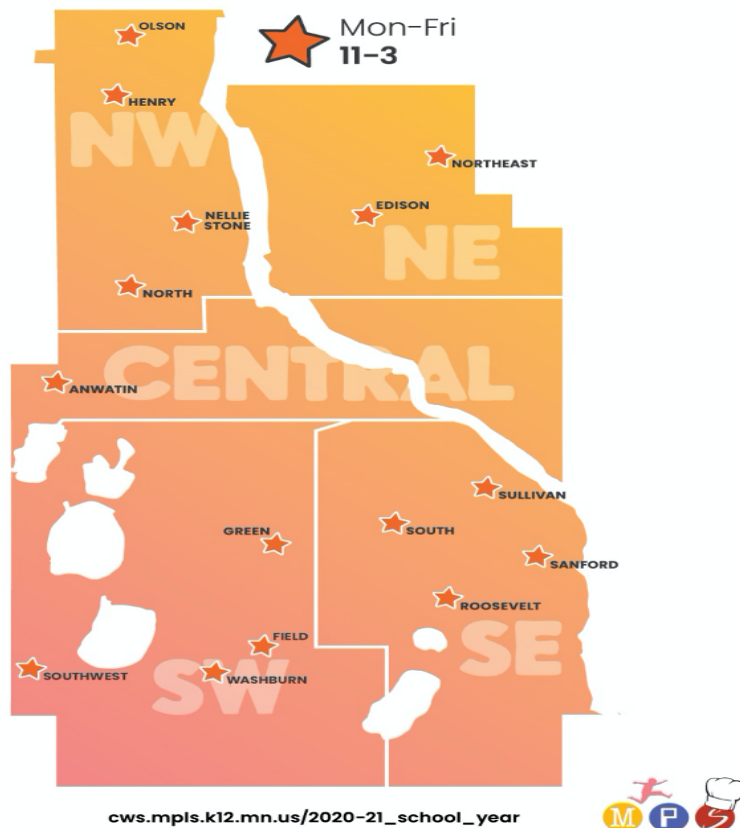
Keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher to set up conference times.



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT FOOD BOXES!!!! PLEASE READ!

As of Thursday, February 4th Lucy Laney will NO LONGER be a school meal box pick up site. Wednesday, Feb 3 will be the last day we will be giving out food boxes at Lucy Laney. **ALL SITES will be CLOSED Thursday, February 4 & Friday, February 5** Below you will find the map for the 15 meal box pick up sites. Any questions please click on link

[cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21\\_school\\_year](https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/2020-21_school_year).



Please make sure your child logs on and completes daily assignments.  
Any attendance matters please call the **Attendance Line @ (612)-668-2167**

Please reach out to me, Ms. MiMi your Family & Community Liaison with any questions, concerns, issues or problems that may occur this school year. I am here to assist you. Please allow me to be your first point of contact... If there are any questions that I don't have answers to, I will work to find them and for questions I can't find answers too, I will get you connected to someone who can help. Feel free to reach me at: 612-668-2168 (office) /612-270-4957 (cell) [melisha.carroll@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:melisha.carroll@mpls.k12.mn.us)



For the month of January

**Hi-Five-** Ashanti Harris and Zoey Lee

**Kindergarten-** Elicia Robertson, Octavia Webster and Raelynn Reed

**First grade-** Reh'Ajah Lungelow Rollins, Tommy Vang and Jeremiah Glover

**Second grade-** Deon Willis, Mekayla Ellis, Malakhi Johnson and Arthur Hurd

**Third grade-** Aksel Teigland, Termaine Williams, Tyrell Todd, Adline Gauthier

**Fourth grade-** Damien Schmidt, Judy McClellan, Devon Kelley

**Fifth grade-** John Brown, Sophia Luttery and Michael Smith



## Specialist Student Spotlight

### Media:

**High Five-** Zoey Lee

**Kindergarten-** Armani Ortiz

**1st grade-** Emery Davis

**2nd Grade-** Deon Willis

**3rd Grade-** Zayden Mcelveen

**4th Grade-** Cordale Denham

**5th Grade-** Christin Banks

