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News from the Nest

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Art Room Snapshot!

Happy Spring, McKinley families! Our 2nd and 3rd graders made these AMAZING spring birds in art class to celebrate the season.



TONIGHT: Our Virtual Cultural Festival!

Yay, our virtual Cultural Festival is finally here! **We'll share our festival schedule and links below as well as on ClassDojo, so be sure to either save this email or keep an eye on your phone.** Students will bring home their school Chromebooks so that families can use them to access our festival events, if needed.

Festival Schedule

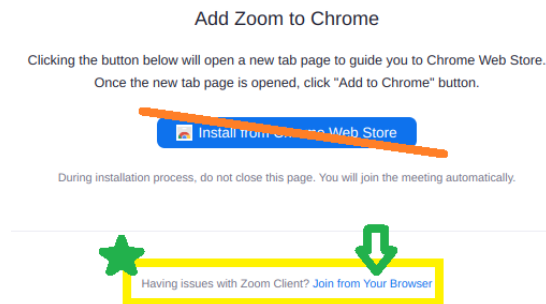
- **5:00pm-5:30pm:** Work on our "All About Me & My Family" activity.
 - K-5th grade families will access this activity through their children's Seesaw account.
 - ECE families will access this activity through their teacher's ClassDojo.
 - Families can also access a Google Slides version of the activity [here](#).
- **5:30pm-6:15pm:** Cook dinner together during our Zoom cooking class with the League of Kitchens.
 - Families will access this meeting using [this Zoom link](#).
- **6:15pm:** Enjoy dinner while exploring our "Music Around the World" activity.
 - Families will access this activity using [this Google Slides link](#).

Cooking Class Information

- The League of Kitchens cooking school will open our cooking class on Zoom a little before 5:30pm.
- Our class will be hosted by Chef Mirta -- [check out her biography here!](#)
- Gather your ingredients using [this ingredient list](#).

Connecting to Zoom

- If you're connecting to our Zoom meeting on a student's Chromebook: once you click on our Zoom link, **you MUST follow the instructions in the picture below** in order to connect to the meeting.



- If you're connecting to our Zoom meeting on a personal device, you can use [this guide](#) if you need help.

A Few Reminders: Masks, Chromebooks, & Illnesses

We're asking McKinley families to remember some important school policies that help keep everyone safe, healthy, and ready to learn!

- **Masks** -- **please send your children to school wearing clean, well-fitting masks.** If your family needs a box of children and/or adult-sized masks, please call us at (720) 424-5600. We have plenty to share!
- **Chromebooks** -- if your child brings home their school Chromebook, **please remember to charge it overnight and send it back to school with them the next day.** Most of our classrooms use their Chromebooks daily, so it's important that students have their devices ready.
- **Illnesses** -- **please call our attendance line at (720) 424-5603 if your child is out sick.** We are working hard to keep our students, staff members, and families healthy!

Extra News

- Today was RIF Day at our school! **On RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) Day, our PTA provides every one of our students with a free book of their choice.** 100% remote families can stop by our remote learning supply cart by our front doors to pick up books for their students next week.
- REMINDER: **we have NO SCHOOL (no in-person or remote learning) on Friday, April 30.** It's a staff training day for our school!
- Mark your calendars: **National Teacher & School Staff Appreciation Week is Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 7!** Our PTA is planning a special celebration each day of that week and they need your help! Check out [our Teacher & School Staff Appreciation Week flyer](#) and decide which days your family would like to participate in. Please note: PTA is holding **special poster-making sessions after school on next Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29.** Families are invited to stop by and add their own notes to these thank-you posters, which will be shared with our teachers and staff on Wednesday, May 5.

Upcoming Events

[Click here to view the McKinley-Thatcher school calendar.](#)

- Fri., 4/23 -- virtual Cultural Festival, 5:00pm-6:15pm; [click here for full details!](#)
- Wed., 4/28 & Thurs., 4/29 -- Poster-making sessions for Teacher & School Staff Appreciation Week, 2:00pm on our playground!
- Thurs., 4/29 -- School Values Assembly, 7:45am-8:15am; everyone is welcome to join!
- Fri., 4/30 -- NO SCHOOL (no in-person or remote learning)
- Mon., 5/3 to Fri., 5/7 -- Teacher & School Staff Appreciation Week; [click here to see how we're celebrating!](#)
- Thurs., 5/6 -- Hannah Kahn Dance Co. performance for all students