



HARRIET TUBMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

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IB Bulldogs Blast

Good afternoon Tubman Families,

Thank you for an amazing Fun Run on Friday! The school community was filled with so much joy and heartfelt cheer. It felt truly amazing to have such a wonderful school wide celebration.

We are happy to announce, we exceeded our goal of \$40K. Thanks to all of the generous donations from family, friends, staff, and our sponsors! Our Bulldogs earned an additional schoolwide Pajama Day today, Tuesday, October 12, 2021!!

Special thank you to Friends of Tubman for working on all the details of the Fun Run and supporting such a successful and positive event for our Bulldogs!

Thank you to Laurie Viets (*Wild and Precious Life Photography*) for our wonderful school photos capturing this truly special event!



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Vision and Hearing Screenings

Our vision and hearing screenings will take place on October 21, 22 and 25th in the auditorium. The following grades and /or students will participate in the required screening:

- Vision Screenings are required annually for students in **Pre-K, K, 2nd, and 8th Grades.**
- Hearing Screenings are required annually for students in **Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades.**
- Students who are new to the District and students with an IEP must also receive screening. The technician will also screen students participating in MTSS/Response to Intervention (Tier 3).

Covid Testing & Quarantine Update

I am proud to say that COVID-19 testing is now up and running in our school, and I encourage all parents who have not yet done so to sign their children up [here](#). The results we are seeing from this testing are encouraging. Fewer than 0.2 percent of those tested district-wide - less than two out of every 1,000 CPS students and staff - have tested positive for COVID-19, confirming that schools are not a significant source of spread for COVID. I am very much in favor of this weekly testing, as it is helping us keep the number of COVID-19 cases in our school low and is assisting us in preventing COVID-19 outbreaks in our classrooms.

The district has made great strides in contact tracing too, with nearly 93 percent of reported cases now being fully investigated within 48 hours. As parents, I know how important it is to know quickly if your child has been exposed to COVID-19, so CPS will continue adjusting this process until that 48-hour timeframe reaches 100 percent.

If your child has been quarantined, your first concern is obviously their health. But from the conversations I've had with many families, I know you are also concerned about the impact

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being away from school will have on their education. I share that concern and am always eager to get students back in the classroom as quickly as possible. So I was glad to learn that effective Saturday, October 9, CPS is shortening the quarantine timeline for students and staff impacted by COVID-19 from 14 to 10 days.

This decision was made in accordance with advice from trusted public health experts, including the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and puts CPS in line with other large school districts around the country. We will always base our decisions on the science, and this change is no exception. The science is telling us that when there is a COVID-19 case, 98 percent of those identified as close contacts do not go on to develop COVID-19.

My goal in sharing this data is to create a feeling of trust about how Tubman is managing the pandemic. You can visit CPS' [new COVID site](#) for data about our school and the district at large.

These are challenging times, but by working together, we can maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff. We will continue to be transparent in order to ensure trust in our school community.

Medical Compliance

Immunizations and physicals are due October 15th. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of these documents to school with your child.

Student Fees

Please take a moment to pay your child's student fee if they are a K-8th grade student. Right now we have collected less than 20% of student fees. The student fee covers school supplies, online subscriptions, and more. [Please click here for one time payment.](#) If you do not know your child's identification number, you can just place zeros in the box as we can track payment based on name.

Important Dates:

September 15 - October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

- October 11th: Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 13th: Tubman vs. Franklin @ Waveland Park 2 - 4:00 p.m.
- October 14th: Picture Day
- October 18th: Tubman vs. Nettlehorst @ Waveland Park 2
- October 21st, 22nd & 25th: Vision and Hearing Screening
- October 23rd: Fall Festival (Friends of Tubman - FOT) @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- October 25th: Tubman vs. Disney @ Disney - 4:00 p.m.
- October 28th: Friends of Tubman - FOT meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- October 29th: State of Schools Virtual Meeting at 10:00am
- October 31st: Halloween



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Yesterday, Monday, October 11, 2021, we celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day!

Indigenous Peoples Day recognizes the diversity, accomplishments, and contributions of Indigenous People in our country.

This piece of art was created by the late Woody Crumbo, a Potawatomi dancer, musician, and artist.

Chicagoans reside on the land of the People of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi, along with more than a dozen additional tribal nations.

Today more than 65,000 Native Americans live in Chicagoland.



Local School Council (LSC)

Our Tubman Local School Council supports and partners in the important work of monitoring our Continuous Improvement Work Plan, approving our annual budget, and evaluating our principal. We encourage you to reach out to the LSC representatives if you have questions about these three areas.

CPS has advised that public participation is the most effective way to engage our community during meetings so that all LSC members can hear and respond directly to community members. Sign up for public participation is available prior to each LSC meeting, and during the meeting itself. LSC proceedings are subject to the Open Meetings Act. All are welcome.

The LSC is currently looking for a Community member to join the wonderful LSC at Tubman. Please click on the link [Tubman LSC Vacancy Post](#) for additional information.

In partnership,

Ms. Gibson and Ms. Moore

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