

Friday Update
February 12, 2021

Health Update

For the week ending on February 12, 2021 we have had zero (0) reported COVID-19 cases. Please continue to be diligent with your personal health habits such as washing your hands, monitoring social distance, and wearing your mask as appropriate.

TODAY! Early Dismissal—FEBRUARY 12, 2021

The school day will be shortened as follows:

GRANT/MCMS	7:30-11:30	Breakfast will be served, but no lunch. Every student will be provided with a juice and a healthy snack.
Locust	8:30-12:30	Breakfast will be served, but no lunch. Every student will be provided with a juice and a healthy snack.

Zion After School Program and PDO are aware of our change in daily schedule and have made the necessary accommodations for our students to arrive earlier in the day.

5 Essential Survey

On a bi-annual basis, our district is required to participate in this survey designed to improve student outcomes. This survey generates valuable data that districts can use to guide their ongoing efforts to improve schools and to offer students an excellent education. The survey is another improvement tool that allows districts and the state to share data as a means to inform parents and community members about the school's learning environment. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is administered online by [UChicago Impact](https://www.uchicagoimpact.org/) at the University of Chicago on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. The parent link to participate in this survey will be sent out in a separate email. If you have children in more than one school building, you will need to complete the survey multiple times.

Learning Platform Switches

Today, 3:00 pm is the deadline to notify the school district of wishing to switch learning platforms. No more extensions or exceptions will apply! If you are interested in switching, you must email Kathy Burns, kburns@marengo165.org by 3:00 pm today. The student's name will be placed on a waiting list, and if an opening is available, the student may switch learning platforms at the beginning of 3rd quarter. This is on a first come-first serve basis. Parents will be notified on Friday, February 19 if we could accommodate the change.

Upcoming No School Days

March 12, 2021	No School—Teacher Planning Day
March 29-April 5	Spring Break—Students return on Tuesday, April 6, 2021
May 25	This is our tentative last day of school for all students PREK-8 th . This will be a full day of school.

As the weather looks very cold this weekend, please stay safe!

Lea Damisch—Superintendent of Schools