April 16, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. We are halfway through the month of April and, before we know it, we will be in the midst of end of year events and graduation. As we make way for the remaining weeks of the school year, we again want to stress our continued commitment to health and safety at YES Prep and the rigorous education and success of your children on their path to college and beyond.

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminders about COVID-19 vaccines update, the Family-School Relationship Survey, bus transportation for STAAR testing, AP Summit, Elementary End of Year MAP testing, Legacy health sessions, and more.

Important Dates Reminder

- **April 16** – Students will begin registration for AP Summit (*AP Summit dates will be on May 1 and May 8)
- **April 30** – Deadline to complete the Family-School Relationships Survey
- **April 26-May 14** - End of Year Reading and Math MAP testing for students in grades K-2

COVID-19 Vaccines

With the recent pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, we have made a slight adjustment to our plans for the COVID-19 vaccine distribution clinics. We will be offering the Moderna two-dose vaccine at our campuses for the time being. **Remember, these vaccines are FREE to all YES Prep staff, students, and families who are 18 years of age or older.**

On April 23, we will be holding our first clinics at two of our campuses. If your child is a student at one of these two campuses, our staff will be in touch with you directly with instructions on how to sign up for an appointment. For our remaining campuses, we will be rolling out more clinics in the coming weeks. Your child's campus will be in touch with you as more information becomes available.

Annual Family-School Relationships Survey

To ensure we continue to provide high quality, rigorous learning experiences that meet the needs of our learners and prepare them for college and career, we need your input. This year, we have partnered with Panorama Education to conduct our 2021 annual Family-School Relationships Survey. Panorama safeguards your privacy, keeping your responses confidential. The survey will be a valuable source of information for us as we work to make our schools and district the best they can be.

Please complete the survey online by **April 30** using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Check your email for your invitation to participate along with a unique survey link and access code. If you did not receive an email, please contact your campus registrar for assistance.

STAAR Update

STAAR is an important data point for our students, campuses, and district. If you have not yet already, please review the information [on this site](#).

All campuses will be running their regular bus routes on STAAR days. If your student needs to take the bus on their testing day(s), please refer to your campus's most updated routes and stops to find the stop most convenient for your student. The most current routes and stops are posted on your campus website and will be posted through social media. If you need any assistance, please contact the front office of your campus.

Buses will continue to follow all COVID safety procedures. If a bus is full before reaching all stops, a second bus will be dispatched to complete the route, or the original bus will drop off the students on campus and then complete the rest of the route.

AP Summits

This week we shared information with all AP students about registration for upcoming AP Summits. AP summits are important opportunities for students to prepare for their exams which may earn college credits while still in high school! AP Summit dates will be on May 1 and May 8. Students will begin registration for AP Summit today, April 16. This event will be virtual and hosted on Microsoft Teams. Students should register for AP Summits on Eventbrite using the links shared with them in Microsoft Teams.

Please visit our AP Site for more information.

Elementary End of Year MAP Testing

Students in grades K-2 will be taking their End of Year Reading and Math MAP tests between April 26-May 14. We administer MAP tests to monitor your student's growth throughout the school year. It is an adaptive test on the computer that will help us pinpoint your child's strengths and places where additional supports are needed. Students learn better, and faster, when we have a clear picture of what each student knows and what they're ready to learn next.

To see samples of reading and math questions in English or Spanish, please visit http://practice.mapnwea.org. The username and password is "grow". Students in grades K-1 will take the **Reading K-2** assessment and students in grade 2 will take the **Reading** assessment.

Additional communication on MAP testing will come from your campus – please encourage your student to do their best on these assessments!

Save the date: "Self-Care & Summer Health" Virtual Session

If you missed the first session on COVID and the mental health impact, presented by Legacy School-Based Health Care professionals13, make sure to save the date for their next session. On Thursday, May 13, they will be presenting the session titled "Self-Care & Summer Health." The session will also be offered in Spanish on Thursday, May 20. To register for either session, please go to this link http://bit.ly/LegacyWorkshops.

Did You Know?

At the average A or B rated district school, white students are more likely than Black students to meet grade-level standards by 34 percentage points. At public charters, the achievement gap narrows by 71%-- down to 10 percentage points. Charter schools are closing the gap for Black students! Learn more here!

As always, thank you to our families for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be until **Friday, April 23**.

Thank you