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Greetings Tonka Online Community,

I hope you had a restful and relaxing winter break and you are ready for the second half of our school year in 2022!

As you know from Dr. Peterson's message, we will be making some shifts in our learning model during the upcoming week and a half. At the elementary level, on Friday, January 21 most students will not have school, and the day will be adjusted to allow teachers to wrap-up the semester. Students who need additional instruction or have work to complete will be invited to meet with their teacher, in-person or virtually, for a portion of the day. Teachers will notify students and families by Tuesday, January 18 of the students they would like to work with on this day.

At the middle school level, Friday, January 21 will serve as a regular synchronous e-learning day.

We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership as we work to continue to provide an outstanding learning experience in a safe and caring environment.

Nicole Snedden, Ed.S. (NBCT)
Tonka Online K-8 Program Coordinator

Attendance Line

952-283-8127

Family Helpdesk

952-401-5123
familyhelpdesk@minnetonkaschools.org

District Service Center

952-401-5000

Important Dates

- January 17 - No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - January 21 - End of Semester Wrap Up (*Please see message above)
 - January 24 - No School; End of Semester Grading
 - January 25 - Second Semester Begins
 - February 18 - 2 Hour Early Release
 - February 21 - No School; Presidents Day
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Material Pick Up

Material Pick Up will take place at the Minnetonka District Service Center (5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka 55345) on **Friday, January 21 (12pm-4pm)**.

The following grade levels **WILL HAVE MATERIALS** for pick up.

- Kindergarten (Science Materials)
- Kindergarten Spanish Supplemental (2 Vocabulary Packets)
- 1st Grade Spanish Supplemental (1 Vocabulary Packet)
- Chinese Supplemental (2nd Semester textbook, activity book, packets)
- 1st Grade - Reading Packets, Shells
- 2nd Grade - Science, Blank Writing Paper, Words Their Way
- 3rd Grade - Cursive Packets and Math Fact Packets (*if not picked up at last pick up in December)
- 4th Grade - Earth Science Materials
- 7th Grade - Bingo Dauber, Bingo Card, Bracelet

Tonka Online K-8 Survey

Thank you to all families who have completed the Tonka Online K-8 [survey](#), which includes your preference for second semester. If you have not yet made a decision for second semester, please contact Ashley Carlson at 952-401-5101.

Minnnetonka students who are returning to their home school will be receiving information from their school regarding next steps and the transition. Families continuing with Tonka Online will receive any necessary information from their classroom teacher.

Yearbooks for Tonka Online

As we near the end of first semester, if you are interested in ordering a Tonka Online Yearbook for this year please complete the [Tonka Online K-8 Yearbook Interest Form](#). More information will be shared in the weeks to come, including how to upload your student's photo (in the event you did not participate in the in-person pictures) and how to purchase a yearbook.



Skyward

Absence Requests - Skyward

There are two ways to enter an absence request:

1. Call the attendance line at 952-287-8127
2. Enter Request in Skyward (see directions below)

If you know of a future absence for your student(s), you can complete and absence request in Skyward by following the steps below:

1. Go to Skyward and click on Attendance from the left column.
 2. From Attendance, click on Enter Absent Request.
 3. From here, each of your children will be listed. Click on Add Request for the child you are entering and absence for.
 4. Enter Start Date-Time, End Date- Time and the Reason and optional Comments.
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Updated Attendance Expectations Coming Soon

We are currently working on updating our Tonka Online K-8 attendance expectations and procedures. More detailed information will be available at the start of second semester. In the meantime, please help by reminding your student that it is our expectation that students are present throughout an entire class period and participating as an active learner.

In the meantime, please reach out with any questions you might have.

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