# JSE Weekly Newsletter

#### November 16 - November 20



### **Crayons and Coloring Book Collection**

John Sevier Elementary is helping with a community service project along with Junior Service League of Blount County! We Will be collecting CRAYONS AND COLORING BOOKS from now until Thanksgiving Break! Please help us help children in our community by donating and bringing in these items and placing them in the decorated box right outside the main office. THANK YOU!!



#### News from the Café

As you know, all students are currrently able to receive free breakfast and lunch through the end of 2020. These meals are funded by the USDA. Even if a student chooses to bring a lunch from home, they may receive a pb&j "grab and go" lunch under this program.



#### City of Maryville Sanitation Santa Program

December 21, 22, and 23 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Toys will be distributed at the Theater in the Park, 325 Court Circle, Maryville (across from First Baptist Church on Lamar Alexander and beside the Court House)

Distribution is on a first-come, first-served basis. No sign-ups are required.

Toy and gift distribution is for children newborn to 15 years.

#### How to qualify:

\*Proof of ID in the form of Social Security Card, birth certificate, library card, school id, insurance card, etc. for **each child**. \*Proof of residency in Blount County (address on state ID, utility bill, etc) for parent/guardian.

\*If the adult present is not the parent, proof of guardianship. \*No other assistance has been provided by other agencies for child. (We link with United Way and other charitable agencies. Families may be assisted by only one organization for Christmas gifts.)

#### COVID-19 Updates

The process and procedures may change this year due to COVID-19. Please check maryvillegov.com/sanitationsanta for more information.

#### **Changes to Instructional Method**

The next opportunity to notify us of a desire to switch instructional options is by **noon on Friday**, **December 11th**. Those changing at this time would begin their new method of instruction upon return from winter break, (January 5th).

Families are limited to changing instructional options one time for the entire school year. Please call the office at 865-983-8551 if you plan to switch.

#### **Contact Tracing**

We need your help! As we continue to work toward solutions to keep as many students in front of as many teachers for as many days possible, one big area of challenge is Close Contact Tracing. We believe the following actions can help to minimize the number of students who are required to quarantine due to being a close contact:

1. Please keep your student at home if symptomatic. The guidelines are to stay home for 10 days for COVID-level symptoms. Sometimes just taking one day at home will help parents or physicians determine if the symptoms are actually COVID level or not.

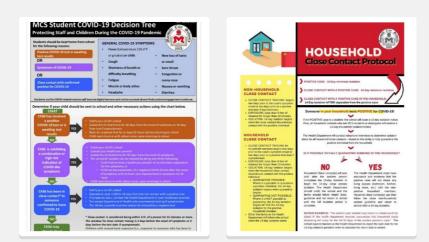
2. If you are considering giving your child a COVID test or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, please keep your child at home until a determination is made and results are provided. Initially, the guidance from the health department was to not test until symptomatic. However, we are now seeing an increase in testing regardless of symptoms. At this time, we ask that you keep your student at home even if you choose to administer a test to your child without symptoms out of an abundance of caution.

3. If your child has been in close contact with a person outside of the school environment who is positive, please take action and inform the school and keep your child home for 14 days. The close contact definition is proximity to an infected person for longer than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet with tracing beginning 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or a positive test. If you know your child is a close contact to an infected person, please take this action even if the Health Department never contacts you to officially identify your child as a close contact. The school will happily accept your parent report of Close Contact and will follow-up by providing digital instruction to your student for the 14-day isolation period.

4. Immediately inform the school of all positive test results. These actions are critical to COVID management at the school and district level. If the "possibly positive" student stays at home until the test results are provided, that eliminates all of those days for close contact tracing because for each positive case, we are required to look back 48 hours to identify close contacts based on the 6 foot/15 minute guidance.

The only chance we have to prevent spread is for sick kids and adults to stay home and for everyone to work as a team on proactive strategies. We appreciate your cooperation.

# Below are the most recent documents regarding Covid from the MCS district.



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Upcoming Color Days And Menus					
Monday November 16	Tuesday November 17	Wednesday November 18	Thursday November 19	Friday November 20	
Green	Blue	Purple	Silver	Red	
Muffins	Sausage Biscuit & Gravy	Poptart & Yogurt	Cereal Breakfast Kit	Chicken Biscuit	
Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Rice Broccoli OR Hot Ham & Cheese Hoagie	Taco Tuesday Beef Taco, Soft Wrap, Sour Cream Shredded Cheese, Let/Tom, Refried Beans, Rice, Salsa OR PB & Jelly <u>Uncrustable</u> Meal	Chicken Patty, Bun, Chips, Baked Beans, Let/Tom/Pickle OR Turkey & Cheese Wrap	Turkey & Gravy, Dressing, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Pumpkin Pie OR PB & Jelly <u>Uncrustable</u> Meal	Baked Pizza Bites, Green Beans, Marinara Sauce OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich	
	Running Club		Running Club		

Upcoming Events			
November 25	No School – Professional Development		
November 26 – 27	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday		
December 15	Deadline to Change Instructional Preference (By Noon)		
December 16	No School – Administrative Day		
December 17 – January 1	No School – Winter Break		
January 4	No School – Professional Development Day		



#### John Sevier Elementary School

2001 Sequoyah Ave. Maryville, TN 37804 Phone: 865-983-8551 Fax: 865-977-0725 Brandee Easterly, Principal Brian Tinker, Assistant Principal School Start Time: 7:50 a.m. School Dismissal: 2:50 p.m.

#### Ways to Help Your School:







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