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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In an ongoing effort to inform our community and promote wellness in our school, we want to take this opportunity to share the preventative measures we take during the cold and flu season. We assure you that we are also monitoring information regarding the coronavirus, under guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, there is one known case of coronavirus in the state, the individual is isolated at home, and is doing well, and the risk to the general public remains low. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working hard to better understand how this new virus spreads, and its associated illness. Because this virus, like other flu and viruses, is spread through person-to-person contact, special care should be taken to protect the very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or those taking certain medications. You can find out more by visiting the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/.

In our schools, teachers have been asked to review good hand-washing techniques with students, as is common practice during flu season. In addition, classrooms are cleaned and surfaces are disinfected daily, as a rented facility from MPS, schools are undergoing a deep cleaning this week.

What can you do to help protect yourself and your family during the cold and flu season? The CDC recommends the following everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, and keep your children home from school when they are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- We will continue to monitor all information from the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as other resources, to promote wellness throughout the district.

Regards,

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