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GCDS COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTSH - JANUARY 8, 2022

Happy New Year!! We hope you had a healthy and wonderful winter break! Taking time to rest and rejuvenate is so important. Last Friday, Dr. Martirano provided key health and safety information as we return to school.

NEW CDC GUIDANCE: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) earlier last week [announced a recommendation](#) to shorten quarantine to five days. This recommendation was adopted by the Howard County Health Department (HCHD). Therefore, unvaccinated, and vaccinated students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will have to isolate and may not return to school until:

- They have been out at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms or upon receiving a positive test without symptoms, and
- Remain fever-free for 24 hours, and
- Show a consistent improvement of symptoms.

MASKS: [Universal indoor masking](#) remains intact for all facilities IN Howard County. Families are encouraged to send their children to school with KN95 masks, which are recommended by the CDC for their effectiveness over the typical cloth masks previously recommended.

MASK REQUIREMENT: Everyone is expected to wear masks over the mouth and nose when not eating. Staff will continue to model appropriate mask-wearing and require students to adjust their masks as appropriate. Please send children with masks that fit properly.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts to support a healthy school environment for all.

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Upcoming Events

- **Friday, January 14, 2022 - Pajama Day**
Donuts for Dad: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Classroom Newsletter
- **Monday, January 17, 2022 - NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Friday, January 21st, 2022 - Hat Day**
End of 2nd Marking Period
- **Friday, January 28, 2022 - Space Day**
Classroom Newsletter
- **Monday, January 31, 2022 - Early Bird Registration for Camp**
- **Friday, February 4, 2022 - Jeans Day**
2nd Report Card emailed to families
- **Monday, February 7, 2022 - 2nd Quarter Conference Forms emailed to parents.**
- **Friday, February 11, 2022 - NO SCHOOL: Second Virtual Parent / Teacher Conferences**