

Superintendent Spieser's Video Message to Families
November 13, 2020

Hello Milford families,

I have three updates in this video message for you today: the latest COVID-19 information, clips of our Veterans Day celebrations, information about a Q&A event coming up next week, and then as always, I am featuring artwork from students.

First up, the latest COVID-19 information.

In order to keep our schools open, we need everyone in our community to take every precaution to stay healthy. What happens in our community is reflected inside our schools. We are seeing a wide spread of the virus in our community outside of school, resulting in the need to quarantine students and staff. It is our goal to keep In-Person students learning in person for as long as possible, but we cannot keep schools open if this continues.

I urge you to do everything you can to keep your family safe and healthy. It is vitally important that students do not congregate together in social settings or informal events.

We have a high number of students and staff in quarantine at Milford High School. We decided yesterday to keep Milford High School learning remotely through Thanksgiving Break. Doing so allows us the best opportunity to come back to In-Person learning on

November 30. We are working toward a strong finish to the first semester. The entire district is NOT remote, only the high school. Next up, Veterans Day celebrations.

As you know, our students love celebrating and honoring our Veterans each year. Typically we invite Veterans and active service members into our school buildings as we celebrate their accomplishments and they share their stories and experiences with our students. Due to COVID-19, this year we are honoring our Veterans and service members differently. Many Veterans responded to our invitation to submit video stories to share with our students. Each of our schools also held celebrations of Veterans Day with virtual programs and activities. Head over to our website to view the videos.

Next week, on Tuesday, November 17, I will be hosting a question and answer session Live on Facebook from 6:30-7:30 p.m.. We are asking for questions to be submitted using Thought Exchange prior to the event. You can find the link on our website. I will answer submitted questions first and then open the floor to live questions toward the end of the hour.

I look forward to receiving your questions and feedback.

This week's art is from Emily Desgrange's Junior High Art Class. Eighth grade students created a triptych consisting of a photo, painting, and drawing. They had the option to take a photo or find a photo, then they recreated it in a pencil drawing and an acrylic

painting. Putting all three pieces together to form one larger piece is what makes this a triptych, and the students had fun recreating the photo.