



Bear Express



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Dear Summit Family,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend! Our day off from school yesterday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's legacy took a form different from our tradition of previous years of a "day on" as a school in service to our community. In this year of Covid, this has been yet another change. The importance of service in our mission at Summit, however, remains integral to our students' education. I am grateful for our teachers continuing to seek ways to engage our students in our community--be it through writing Valentines to veterans or through classroom discussions about why we dedicate a day to honoring Dr. King. And still, I think we all look forward to the opportunity for our students to again experience learning through service beyond our campus and within our community as is so especially unique to a Summit education. Those opportunities are indeed ahead of us! And in the present, we will continue to seek and uncover the many rich opportunities still before us in our students' education.

With that, we are excited to launch our 3rd academic quarter at Summit this week, and to celebrate our students' success in the 2nd quarter. In our virtual Round-Up on Friday, we will recognize our students who earned all A's in the 2nd quarter. I'll send out the Google Meet information later this week for families to join!

I also want to update you on our search for a music/performing arts teacher at Summit. We have been working to cultivate candidates for the past several weeks, and last week began initial interviews of candidates. We will continue to interview candidates over the coming weeks, and aim to invite finalists to campus for a final interview as early as February. In the interim, we are grateful for Summit parent and veteran substitute teacher Holly Chick continuing to fill in for K-5 music. I look forward to sharing updates over the coming weeks.

A few additional reminders and updates for this week:

- **Pre-Enrollment Form:** Thanks to all who have completed their pre-enrollment form for the 2021-22 school year. If you haven't yet, we ask that you please submit your form (linked below) by this Wednesday. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
<https://forms.gle/JBBD27esCp1KdraE6>
- **Blood Drive this Friday!** Summit is excited to announce that the Red Cross will be hosting a Blood Drive on our campus Friday, January 22nd! The Bloodmobile will be parked in the lower Gym parking lot from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. You can call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to sign up for a time slot to donate. The need for blood donations is extremely high right now; it is so important for community members to donate. Each donation can save three lives. Please consider donating this Friday! COVID-19 protocols, including masks and social distancing, will be kept at all times during the Bloodmobile Drive.

Thank you for your continued support!

One Summit Family,

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 5: Asynchronous Remote Learning Day
- February 12: Faculty Workday / No School for Students
- February 15: Presidents' Day / No School for Students
- March 5: Asynchronous Remote Learning Day
- March 18: End of Grading Period
- March 19: Faculty Workday / No School for Students
- March 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences / No School for Students
- March 29 - April 2 Spring Break



Enrollment for after school programs at Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau is open.
Visit www.bgcplateau.org to register.

Virtual Programs resume January 25th with face to face programming slated to open in mid-February with pandemic safety in mind.

Please direct questions to Lea Gilbert at lea@bgcplateau.org.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

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BLOOD DRIVE **Summit Charter School**

Friday, January 22nd
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

All blood donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.
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