



Thompson K-8 International Academy

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January 11, 2021

Good morning,

Please read below for information and updates.

MYP ROTATION SCHEDULE

Mon., 1/11: EVEN

Tues., 1/12: ODD

Weds., 1/13: EVEN

Thurs., 1/14: ODD

Fri., 1/15: ALL

UPCOMING

Mon., January 18: NO SCHOOL

Fri., January 22: NO SCHOOL



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RETURN TO SCHOOL

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you complete the *Return to School* survey today by 5 pm.: [Parent/Guardian Survey](#)

iReady WINTER TESTING

The Diagnostic 2 session in reading and math begins today January 11 and closes on February 5 for all K-8th students. Teachers will share schedules with students and their families.

K-5 AFTERSCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM

The Birney Dance Program extends a warm invitation to all SPS students to join their K-5 After School Dance Program! The program offers ballet, jazz and hip-hop classes scheduled virtually on **Thursdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m.** taught by Ms. Jennifer Hawkins. The program is designed to introduce the fundamentals of dance, enhance technique, build strength, develop stretch and increase artistic expression. In addition, the program provides a social, emotional and physical outlet for students in a safe environment. The class will alternate by grade level every three weeks beginning with Kindergarten students on Thursday, January 14, 2021. If you are interested in participating, please complete [The K-5 After School Dance Program Contact Form](#) and submit by Wednesday, January 13th. Classes will meet virtually On [Google Meets](#), code **K5 Dance**.

About Ms. Hawkins

Ms. Hawkins is a versatile instructor/choreographer with experience over 22 years, ranging from Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-hop, Contemporary, Modern and Musical Theatre, choreography in competitive, concert and recreational dance. As the Artistic Director of The Zone Dance Center, in Southfield, Ms. Hawkins creates annual show themes and routines from solos to production routines, consisting of over 150 performers, ages 5 to adult. Ms. Hawkins' choreography has been recognized locally and nationally, receiving top choreography awards and national titles.

Ms. Hawkins has been recognized in Michigan Chronicle's Who's Who in Black Detroit, Arts Edition and The Michigan Dance Council's Maggie Allessee Choreographer Award Finalist. In October 2019,

Ms. Hawkins and the 2019 Birney Dance Program were recognized across the globe and social media sites with their Michael Jackson "Thriller" Flashmob.

Ms. Hawkins is passionate about students and dance, striving to not only teach dance skills, but also to help students' build life skills through dance.

Dance Director: Ms. Jennifer Hawkins

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SCHOOLGY PARENT ORIENTATION

The district has launched a Parent Orientation Schoology course to help parents navigate the major features of the platform. Directions on how to view the video is below.

1. Log into Schoology. If you don't know how, watch this video [Parent Schoology Login Video Guide](#)
2. Click on courses-->my courses (on the right)
3. Click join course
4. Enter the code: F6QW-9255-NC87N

OAKLAND SCHOOLS: PARTNERSHIPS AT HOME

Attend a variety of virtual workshops tailored to families who are adjusting to remote learning. All sessions are free of charge, but you must register. Click this link and you'll find registration information: <https://www.smores.com/sb0xg-partnerships-home>

PTA

We are ready to re-start our PTA, so please click here to join. Dues are only \$10 per family. Click here to sign up: <https://forms.gle/nhmU76Kihn4LKJGa7> . Parents and staff are encouraged to join!

Take care, be well and stay safe!

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.

Anton Chekhov