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Good Afternoon Phoenix CSD Families, Staff and Students,

Here are several important updates from the past week and for the weeks ahead:

- **Phoenix Firebird Marching Band**
 - Congratulations on being the 2021 NYS Small Schools 2 Champions!!
 - The marching band had a fantastic performance at the Carrier Dome on October 31st. They received their highest score of 88.6 to rank first in a class of nine bands bringing the NYS title and the Governor's Cup back to Phoenix. The Firebirds ended their season undefeated!
- **Go Home Early Drill – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 -**
 - On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, we will be dismissing students 1 hour early as part of a “Go Home Early” drill. The “Go Home Early” drill is one of several drills that are a part of our school safety plan. The “Go Home Early” drill allows students and staff an opportunity to review what we would do if school needed to be closed unexpectedly during the day. Both students and staff will practice the procedures we would use in a real emergency.
 - If your child is usually bussed home or bussed to a child care provider, you can expect them to arrive approximately 1 hour earlier. Please inform your child care provider of this important information.
- **Vaccination Clinic - Pfizer Pediatric First Dose – Children Ages 5 to 11 -**
 - **There are some additional appointments now available!!**
 - Please continue to check this link periodically as ConnexCare is adding new appointments as they receive additional doses of vaccine.
 - This clinic will take place at EJD Middle School on November 19th from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 - **Parent/guardian must be present at the time of vaccination to complete necessary paperwork and consent for the vaccine.*
 - If interested, please register using the following link -
<https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=D00002925279026EE0530A6C7C15C8B6>
- **Why might report card absences be higher for your son / daughter this marking period / year? -**
 - Families of *quarantined children* may see more absences reported on their report cards this marking period / year. As always, absences are differentiated as excused or unexcused on report cards. Students that are quarantined this school year are required to be marked “excused” per district attendance guidelines. These absences do not count against students but must be documented in our student information system and reported on the report cards.

- **COVID-19 Update –**

- Our dashboard is updated daily and may be viewed anytime using the following link – <https://www.phoenixcsd.org/Page/4337> .

- **EJD Band / Chorus Concert Schedule –**

- *Please note that these new dates and times are different from what is on the district calendar.*
- We have staggered the schedule to reduce the number of individuals in attendance at any one concert.
- Please be advised that facemasks must be worn at all times when in any of our schools.

Tuesday, December 7th <i>Snow date – Thursday, December 9th</i>	Wednesday, December 8th <i>Snow date – Thursday, December 9th</i>
<p><u>5th Grade Band:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJD New Gym • Student drop off 5:30pm • Parents sit in bleachers after drop off • Concert starts at 6:00pm • All students and parents leave building by 6:30pm 	<p><u>5th Grade Chorus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJD New Gym • Student drop off 5:30pm • Parents sit in bleachers after drop off • Concert starts at 5:50 pm • All students and parents leave building by 6:15pm
<p><u>6th Grade Band:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCB auditorium • Student drop off 6:30pm • Parents sit in auditorium after drop off • Concert starts at 7:00pm • All students and parents leave building by 7:30pm 	<p><u>6th Grade Chorus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJD New Gym • Student drop off 6:30pm • Parents sit in bleachers after drop off • Concert starts at 6:50 pm • All students and parents leave building by 7:15pm
<p><u>7th / 8th Grade Band:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJD New Gym • Student drop off 7:30pm • Parents sit in bleachers after drop off • Concert starts at 8:00pm • All students and parents leave building by 8:30pm 	<p><u>7th / 8th Grade Chorus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJD New Gym • Student drop off 7:30pm • Parents sit in bleachers after drop off • Concert starts at 7:50 pm • All students and parents leave building by 8:15pm

- **Important Upcoming Dates -**


- Thursday, November 18th – K-8 ½ Day (Afternoon / Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences)
 - EJD Dismissal Time – 10:50 a.m.
 - MAM Dismissal Time – 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 19th – K-8 ½ Day
 - EJD Dismissal Time – 10:50 a.m.
 - MAM Dismissal Time – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 23rd – Go Home Early Drill
- Wednesday, November 24th – Friday, November 26th – Thanksgiving Recess – NO SCHOOL

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school district and programs. I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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