

Greetings DTE Families,

Welcome back to another wonderful week of teaching and learning at Downtown Elementary!

😊 We are excited about the opportunity to be able to deliver amazing instruction to your boys and girls! 💚💙 We have also attached our monthly DTE calendar for February. Look below for additional weekly updates.

### **\* In-Person Learning Updates**

In the interest of safety for our students, staff and community, Shelby County Schools is delaying the plan to return to in-person learning on February 8 as COVID-19 cases remain high in Shelby County. If you need additional information regarding this decision, please visit: <http://www.scsk12.org/newsroom/#/article/1481>

### **\* Pick-Up of 2nd Semester Books and Materials for Students**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, parents will be able to pick up 2nd semester Modules for Math and headphones for students in grades K-2. Pick up times will be from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. We are still awaiting the arrival of our reading materials. Once the materials have arrived to our school, we will schedule another pick up date. If you have questions regarding pick up of student materials, please contact Coach Arnold directly at [arnoldr@scsk12.org](mailto:arnoldr@scsk12.org).

### **\* Downtown Virtual Open House**

Do you know of any prospective parents looking for an amazing educational experience for their children? 😎 Well look no further! Downtown is the place to be! We will host a virtual open house for prospective parents interested in sending their children to Downtown Elementary, Thursday, February 4th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please spread the word! 🤗🤗 (see attached flyer)

### **\* Grading and Learning Ready**

Parents, please ensure your boys and girls are completing all assignments assigned by their teachers and submitting work in a timely manner. **We cannot give children credit for work they do not complete.** All teachers, AP Smith-Taylor, and Principal Williams will be sending emails/texts to parents of students who are not completing and submitting work on time. Please work with us to ensure your boys and girls are successful. Remember, at DTE, we expect our boys and girls to be **LEARNING READY**:

1. Logged into class, on time!
2. Cameras ON! Microphones MUTED!
3. Actively Participating!
4. Turning in all assignments, ON TIME!

5. Following all virtual rules, at ALL TIMES!

**\* Black History Moments at DTE**

February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month! ❤️🖤💚 We are excited to engage our boys and girls in age-appropriate lessons that encourage more learning about this amazing history. Our Black History moment for this week is the following:

***DTE Black History Moment: The Clinton 12***

The Clinton Twelve is another group of brave, Black students who challenged the Jim Crow status quo to enroll at Clinton High School in Clinton, Tennessee. Alfred Williams, Alvah Jay McSwain, Anna Theresser Caswell, Bobby Cain, Gail Ann Epps, Maurice Soles, Minnie Ann Dickey, Regina Turner, Robert Thacker, Ronald Gordon Hayden, William Latham, and Jo Ann Allen attended school for one day before full-scale racist riots erupted in Clinton. Eventually, their school was destroyed by dynamite to prevent Black students from safely attending.

Finally, there will be **NO SCHOOL for students Friday, February 5th.** If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me ([williamsba2@scsk12.org](mailto:williamsba2@scsk12.org)) or Assistant Principal Smith-Taylor ([smithtaylornj@scsk12.org](mailto:smithtaylornj@scsk12.org)). We are here to serve the families of Downtown Elementary!

Have a beautiful week! 💛💛  
Principal Williams