

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Dear SLMS Titan Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds that each of you and your loved ones are safe, that repairs to your homes, if they need to be made, are coming along, and you are otherwise doing okay. We know that many of our students, families, staff, and community members were impacted significantly with last week's incredibly cold weather, the loss of electricity, loss of water, damage to homes due to burst pipes, and more. According to [an interactive graphic in this online article from the Texas Tribune](#), 54% of the more than 305,000 residents of Fort Bend County had no power in the late morning on February 16, the worst moment of the power outages. My belief is that there are relatively few people in our Titan community who went through this experience without being impacted in some way (or even in multiple ways).

With this in mind, along with the backdrop of our experiences over the last twelve months, living through one historic event after another, I know that in total, all of this may make one grow weary. Know that SLMS is sensitive to this fact and makes plans and decisions in light of it. Together, we will get through this most challenging year of our lives.

I would also like you to know how incredible our staff is (if you did not know already). So many of them have jumped in to help their fellow staff repair pipes, bring food, provide shelter, and so much more. Many have volunteered at food distribution sites, distributed water, and much more. Like many of our students' families, some of our staff were hit hard, too, and they are taking care of themselves so that they may once again take care of your children both in person and online. Teachers and school staff are not immune from the issues that our families face. I simply wanted our community to know just how proud I am of our staff and how they lift each other up and demonstrate the **FBISD Profile of a Graduate** attributes of **servant leader** and **compassionate citizen**. Please know that they do the same for your children every day.

I do not have a weekly Titan News bulletin to send to you yet, as much of what I would like to communicate to you depends upon district decisions, which are not final at this point. But I did want you to hear from your school, even we did not have anything earthshattering to tell you. When everything falls into place, you may expect your customary weekly Titan News to be sent to you. In the meanwhile, know that the building itself is in great shape--only a minor leak in the kitchen which has been repaired already.

Please come out and support SLMS on Tuesday evening, February 23, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at Torchy's Tacos (in front of Whole Foods). Mention that you are there to support SLMS, and your order will go towards raising funds for our school. [Click this link to find out more.](#)

If there is anything that you need for us to know about your situation or if you think we may be able to help, [please do not hesitate to complete this brief form](#). While we cannot promise that we can help in every situation, we will do our best. We will route your information to the person who may best help you, and it will be kept confidential.

Many blessings to all Titans,

Keith Fickel, Principal

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