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Dear TMS families,

Of course, we have made it through another week! There was no doubt. You are Tuckahoe strong! Today I am writing to you with some guidance on the middle school "Flexible Friday" program and another great opportunity for students to participate courtesy of Tara Zegers, our PTA president.

As you can see from the schedule I sent on 4/14/2020 and the subsequent District plan, Fridays are a unique opportunity for students. Shortly, you will be getting a distance learning survey because we need your feedback to keep improving!

The only thing that is the same as the Monday - Thursday schedule is the 7:30 am - 8:00 am wake up call. From 8:00 - 9:00 students have independent work time. They should check in all of their Google classroom courses for assignments that they have yet to complete or ones that they can improve. Office hours are available by appointment with all teachers during this time. 9:00 - 10:15 is a PE / Health rotation. The exact meeting times will be determined by PE and Health teachers and placed on students' Google calendars. 10:15 - 10:45 is break time. I suggest a healthy snack and hydration here. 10:45 - 12:00 is my favorite time of the day -- independent reading time! Students must complete the reading log in this Google form [Reading Log](#) . They should create a special place for reading and participate in reading clubs with our Librarian Ms. Johnson. These will be up and running soon.

12:00 - 12:30 is lunch time. With the weather warming up, I recommend picnics outside whenever possible.

12:30 - 2:30 is flex learning and club time. Students must log their experiences on [this Google form](#) so we can keep them leaning forward. Students may also [Go on a virtual field trip!](#) This fun opportunity is offered by Discovery Learning.

Lastly, I must thank Ms. Zegers, our PTA President for this additional activity. Fans of Hamilton are going to love this opportunity! EduHam at Home was created in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak that forced school closures throughout the country. It is an extension of the Hamilton Education Program (EduHam), which has served more than 160,000 students across the country since 2016. Through EduHam, students study primary source documents from the Founding Era, learn how Lin-Manuel Miranda used such documents to create the musical *Hamilton*, and finally create their own original performance pieces based on the same material. [Click here for more information.](#)

In closing, I want you to know that we are working hard to find innovative ways to celebrate student milestones as we move through May and June. Stay tuned for more information.

Take care!

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