August 14, 2020

Dear Doswell Owls

I know last school year was like no other. I was looking forward to having students back in the school building. However the universe had other plans for us. We will be spending our first semester virtually. I look forward to seeing your faces during our virtual mock meeting on Friday, August 28, 2020 @ 10:00 am. (More information will be forthcoming) The first day of school will be Monday, August 31, 2020. Remember we are in this Together

From your Principal, Dr. Anita Stoddard

#Proud Principal
Dear Parents,

We are requesting that all parents sign up for Class Dojo. This will be the HUB for ALL announcements this year.

This link is for the school announcements. Later you will receive a request from your child’s teacher to sign up for individual Class Dojo’s.

https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=55807ef96f0c41f11aa7af38

**Mock Orientation**

Friday, August 28, 2020 is our Mock Orientation. What does this mean? On Friday, August 28, at 9:30 am you will log onto the Zoom Link below. Dr Stoddard will spend a little time with you. Afterwards, Owls in grades 1-6 will go to their google classroom using your pgcps email.

**During Distribution Day** (see information below) on Thursday August 27, 2020 Owls in grade 1-6 will receive their Google Classroom Code. Pre K and K Owls will receive an additional link for their orientation. The purpose is to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year but to also ensure that everyone can get into their google classroom to start their FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL on Monday, August 31, 2020.

Anita Stoddard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Mock Orientation Day  
**Time:** Aug 28, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/j/82880259255?pwd=cVtk2aHlWjNoc3JXSHlXTom5ZFBwUT09

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Find your local number: https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/u/keaJaxDAth

I know you have lots of questions. Some can be answered right away; while, others will require you to bring your patience and flexibility as we work through this new way of teaching and learning. I am committed to transparency and providing you with relevant information as soon as I receive it.
All Owls must log in at 9:20 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Owls will be marked late at 9:30 am. Wednesday will be our intervention day and independent student day. Don’t worry! Your teacher will explain. It is so important that Owls don’t miss any class time.

Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of each day in SchoolMax. Attendance will be reviewed again after lunch to ensure students return virtually and are accounted for. In the event a student does not return for the afternoon, the student should be recorded as attending school for a ½ day and contact made with the home to ensure the student is safe.

- Students are expected to be in attendance for class daily and present for each session.
- If an Owl is absent, a parent/guardian is to send a letter to the homeroom teacher

**Grading**

The short answer is YES—there will be grades

There will be no pass/fail

![Every Day Matters](image)

**What to do if you received an “I” last quarter**

If your child received an “I” in any subject area during the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, you will be contacted as to makeup that will need to be completed in order to remove the “I” from your child’s permanent transcript/report card.
**DISTRIBUTION DAY**

Doswell will distribute learning materials on Thursday, August 27, 2020. This includes text books, workbooks, manipulatives, etc but not electronic devices. **Instructional Materials pick up is mandatory as students can not complete their assignments without their materials.** Because of the National Demand for electronic devices, there has been a delay in receiving electronic items. Students who previously received a chromebook should continue to use them. Students who are in need of a device will have one assigned to them when they arrive. An order has been placed and PGCPS is awaiting delivery. If your scholar is currently utilizing a personal device in the home, we ask that they continue to do so until the PGCPS order is processed. It is anticipated that additional devices will be available by September 21, 2020. Once received, you will be notified and a date and time will be scheduled for you to pick up a device. Your understanding is much appreciated.

**DISTRIBUTION DAY Schedule**

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

Materials will be distributed by last name; however if there are students in the household with different last names please use moms last name.
9:00-10:30   A-I
10:30-12:00  J-P
1:00-2:30    Q-Z

All Owls can receive a free breakfast daily (pick up during distance learning is on Mondays and Thursdays only, pick-up time TBD). Lunch will also be available for purchase each day (pick up during distance learning is on Mondays and Thursdays only). Owls will need to provide their pin number in order to receive meals. If you do not know the pin number, please click here to request the pin number be emailed to you.

Virtual Back to School Night Wednesday, August 16, 2020
6:30 pm
## Uniforms

Dress Code and Uniform Expectations During the distance learning phase of instruction (August 31 - January 29) students are not expected to wear a school uniform. Students must adhere to the system-wide dress code which requires students to **dress appropriately**.

## Currently Doswell does not offer

![BEFORE & AFTER CARE](image)

## Are We Ever Returning to the Building

PGCPS will start the school year with full distance learning for the first semester. Students will participate daily in a full school day of instruction with classes aligned to Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requirements. Teachers will have the option of providing instruction from home utilizing curriculum documents and resources or using their classroom to provide instruction during the workday. Starting December 1, 2020, we will reassess the impact of COVID-19 on our state, county and school system. During this time, a parent survey will be distributed for input on the feasibility of transitioning to a hybrid learning model or maintaining the full distance learning model for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
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