Greetings, Yorktown Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! With the continuation of distance learning, our staff is committed to partnering with you to provide our students with an engaging experience while learning from home.

Taking into account feedback received from parents and staff, our team has been working diligently to prepare for a more rigorous and interactive distance learning experience for our students this year. As noted in the PGCPS reopening plan, students will have a schedule that reflects a full day of learning inclusive of reading/language arts, math, science, social studies, health, and specials with multiple breaks and opportunities to engage with their classmates. A finalized schedule will be shared during the parent information sessions later this month.

In order to ensure that our students are able to fully engage in the learning activities, each student will be provided with an individual toolkit containing grade level-specific materials for reading, math, and art. It will be extremely important that students keep these materials in a safe place so they are available when needed for instruction. The learning tools will be returned to school once schools reopen.

Tablets (kindergarten) and chromebooks are available for students who may need them. It is our goal to ensure that each student has a dedicated device for participation in distance learning lessons. Please email Mrs. Gownley at Nicole.Gownley@pgcps.org if your child is in need of a device. Be sure to include your child’s name and grade.

A generic, district-wide school supply list will be posted on each school’s website. I have also enclosed a list of additional recommended supplies developed by Yorktown teachers which include items that are specific to each grade level’s instructional program and those that our teachers have found to be extremely useful in ensuring that students are able to fully engage in the learning.

In preparation for the first day of school, please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- **Student Materials Pick Up (GRADES K-2 ONLY) - Wednesday, August 26th**
  Student toolkits, books, and chromebook/tablet (if needed) will be distributed. One parent/adult per family is asked to pick up the student’s supplies between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

- **Student Materials Pick Up (GRADES 3-5 ONLY) - Thursday, August 27th**
  Student toolkits, books, and chromebook/tablet (if needed) will be distributed. One parent/adult per family is asked to pick up the student’s supplies between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
● **Parent Information Sessions**  In an effort to facilitate a smooth and stress-free first day and to set the foundation for a successful distance learning experience, parents are invited to participate in a parent information session. These virtual meetings will be grade level-specific. The Zoom link for each session will be posted on the Yorktown website under the Parents tab. Please see the schedule below:
  ○ Kindergarten - Thursday, August 27th at 9:00 a.m.
  ○ First Grade - Thursday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m.
  ○ Second Grade - Thursday, August 27th at 1:00 p.m.
  ○ Third Grade - Wednesday, August 26th at 9:00 a.m.
  ○ Fourth Grade - Wednesday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m.
  ○ Fifth Grade - Wednesday, August 26th at 1:00 p.m.

● **Systemic Mock Learning/Orientation Day - Friday, August 28th**  More information will be forthcoming. Please stay tuned for a call-out with details.

● **First Day of School – Monday, August 31st**

In an effort to ensure that we have accurate contact information, one parent for each student is asked to complete the electronic Yorktown Elementary Student Information Form. The link for this form can be found on the Yorktown website under the Parents tab. It is imperative that we have up to date information for each student prior to the first day of school. I am asking that this form is completed once School Max is updated with classroom assignments on August 24th to ensure that teachers have the information they will need to communicate with parents in a timely manner.

Lastly, each student will need to have a signed Publicity Release Form on file at school. Please complete the form (enclosed) and return it on your child’s materials pick-up day.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break and look forward to partnering with you for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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