



# OG Newsletter

## - Ockley Green Middle school -

September 1, 2020

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### Principal Message

Good Evening Ockley Families, Students, and Community;

I am so excited for our 6th graders to start tomorrow! The OG staff has been working many hours to prepare for students' arrival tomorrow and Thursday. I wanted to send out the schedule information again so families and students have it before the 6th Grade Jump Start. There will be a lot of repeated information from Friday's newsletter. I will send out another round of communication tomorrow with similar information and a few last minute reminders.

6th Grade is starting tomorrow (9/2) at 9:30 AM using the Google Meet code:

<http://g.co/meet/Jumpstart6>. All students (6-8) are starting on Thursday, September 3rd at 9:30 AM in their Advisory class. Advisory teachers should have communicated to families and students Friday afternoon and shared their Google Meet code to their classroom. Please see the school schedules below and the YouTube videos for more support.

#### Ockley Green Soft Start Schedule and Google Meet Codes for 9/2 - 9/11:

- This document is the same as the district document located below and previously sent out except with more information specific to Ockley Green. There are Google Meet codes for all teachers at the end of the document. **Please make sure to refer to this document daily over the next two weeks.**

#### Ockley Green Comprehensive Distance Learning Schedule Starting 9/14/20:

- We will be starting the OG Comprehensive Distance Learning schedule Monday, September 14. During the second week of Soft Start (9/8 - 9/11), teachers will be helping students to understand the Comprehensive Distance Learning schedule. Starting 9/14, it is important to refer to this document daily.

#### YouTube Videos:

[Google Meet How To](#) - This video will help you log into a Google Meet.

[Parent/Student Vue and Soft Start Schedule](#) - This video will help you determine your student's schedule in Parent or Student Vue and how to utilize the Soft Start Schedule

#### Additional Helpful Links:

[Getting Started with ParentVue and StudentVue](#)

[Comprehensive Distance Learning Platform & Tools](#)

[OG Sample Virtual Planner for Students \(to be taught on Wednesday and Thursday\)](#)

[PPS Fall 2020 Information](#)

[District Soft Start Information](#)



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### [Horario de inicio suave de Ockley Green y códigos de Google Meet para 9/2 - 9/11:](#)

- Este documento es el mismo que el documento del distrito ubicado debajo y enviado anteriormente, excepto con más información específica de Ockley Green. Hay códigos de Google Meet para todos los profesores al final del documento. **Asegúrese de consultar este documento diariamente durante las próximas dos semanas.**

### [Ockley Green Programa integral de aprendizaje a distancia que comienza el 14/9/20:](#)

- Comenzaremos el programa de Aprendizaje a Distancia Integral de OG el lunes 14 de septiembre. Durante la segunda semana de Soft Start (9/8 - 9/11), los maestros ayudarán a los estudiantes a comprender el horario de Aprendizaje Integral a Distancia. A partir del 14 de septiembre, es importante consultar este documento diariamente.

### [Vídeos de YouTube:](#)

[Google Meet How To](#) - Este video le ayudará a iniciar sesión en un Google Meet.

[Vue de padres/estudiantes y programa Soft Start](#) - Este video le ayudará a determinar el horario de su estudiante en Vue de padres o estudiantes y cómo utilizar el programa Soft Start

### [Enlaces útiles adicionales:](#)

[Comenzando con ParentVue y StudentVue](#)

[Plataforma y herramientas integrales de aprendizaje a distancia](#)

[Planificador virtual de muestra OG para estudiantes \(que se impartirá el miércoles y el jueves\)](#)

[Información de Otoño 2020 de PPS](#)

[Información de inicio suave del distrito](#)

## **Schedule Change Requests and Counselor Caseloads**

- **For 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who forecasted** for electives in the spring, their requests were entered into our Synergy system and processed along with all other students' requests.
- **If your student did not forecast** for electives before the summer, you will need to reach out to their school counselor with your student's elective request. Before you email your counselor, have your student complete the appropriate forecasting form. The forms are only accessible when students are logged into their district provided Gmail accounts.

[6th Grade Course Request](#)

[7th Grade Course Request](#)

[8th Grade Course Request](#)



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- Counselors can work within existing class schedules to try to make adjustments, if possible, given class sizes/course loads; however, they are not able to restructure core classes at this time.
- Students are not guaranteed elective selections. Elective forecasting is a tool for students to express preferences, which we will do our best to incorporate into student schedules via the Synergy scheduling system.
- All schedule change requests need to be done before Friday, September 25th. Students will need to go through the [Class Change Process](#) after September 25.

### PPS Help Desk for Families

The start of the school year can be a bit overwhelming in normal circumstances, and we know that the pandemic means a number of additional variables to navigate this year, including technology.

We invite all families to visit [pps.net/fall2020](https://pps.net/fall2020) to access a full set of orientation videos and other resources, translated into our district-supported languages, to help you better understand the learning platforms students and teachers will use this fall. You will also find information on how to log on to the platforms, how to connect to the internet and other helpful tips.

If you or your student is still struggling with any of the aspects of learning technology, we hope you will call the PPS Technology Help Desk, which is open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on school days. We will answer your questions and share information and helpful tips about anything related to distance learning technology. The Technology Help Desk is available in all PPS-supported languages. Email [support@pps.net](mailto:support@pps.net) or call us:

- English: 503-916-3375
- Español: 503-916-3582
- 中文 : 503-916-3585
- Tiếng Việt: 503-916-3584
- Soomaali: 503-916-3586
- Русский: 503-916-3583

### **Family and Student Resource - "How to Prepare for Online School"**

Ockley's amazing Student Engagement Coach, Alisha Kelley, has put together the PowerPoint resource titled "How to Prepare for Online School". You can find the PowerPoint [HERE](#). Please reach out to her at [akelley@pps.net](mailto:akelley@pps.net) if you have any questions or need support.

**Update regarding online tools syncing - Remind, Google Classroom, Synergy, etc.**



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Many students and families have been waiting for the various tools available including Remind, Google Classroom, Canvas, and Synergy to show the same data regarding student schedules. We believe at this time the information in Synergy (accessible via the ParentVue and StudentVue systems) should be updated and showing accurate information. We believe the other systems should begin reflecting that information later today if they don't already do so now.

### **A message from our (bi-lingual) community agent, Sandra Luna**

Hi there OG family! My name is Sandra Luna and I am the OG community agent. I'm here to assist families in need of support. You can also reach out to me if you're in need of a device/WiFi or needing classroom codes for online learning.

My email is [svillaluna@pps.net](mailto:svillaluna@pps.net)

Phone #(503) 897-0662

I am available at OCKLEY Monday-Friday from 12:30-4:00pm

Hola familias de la escuela OG, mi nombre es Sandra Luna. Soy agente comunidad de OG. Hablo español. Estoy aquí para ayudar a las familias que necesitan apoyo. También puede comunicarse conmigo si necesita una computadora y WiFi, también si necesita los códigos para asistir a las clases virtuales en línea.

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Estoy disponible en OCKLEY de lunes a viernes de 12:30-4:00pm