



## Schedules for the First Two Weeks of School

August 21, 2020

Dear PPS Families,

We want to share more information about the first two weeks of the school year and remind you that they will focus on connection, orientation and social-emotional support. You can find schedules for our 2020-21 “soft start,” which starts on Wednesday, September 2, by [clicking here](#).

The purpose of the “soft start” schedules is to provide teachers, parents, families and students with an opportunity to develop relationships, become more familiar with distance learning platforms and tools, and build a positive virtual classroom culture. To give students a chance to develop a daily rhythm, a social-emotional learning activity will be included and attendance will be taken each day.

As we start the school year with Comprehensive Distance Learning until at least November 5, you may see terminology that is unfamiliar to you. For clarification about the difference between synchronous and asynchronous instruction, please [click here](#) for an explanation and helpful examples.

We expect to have daily schedules for the entire first quarter, by grade level, available to families next week. Please go to [pps.net/fall2020](https://pps.net/fall2020) for the latest updates on the opening of the school year and answers to frequently asked questions.

In the meantime, we hope you stay healthy and enjoy the last days of summer break.