

Good Afternoon,

We are very excited to have students in the building soon. I know you are anxious for details on class placement and schedules. The good news is that PPS and PAT, the teacher's union, have a tentative agreement. If all goes well, this will be ratified by the school board on Thursday, and we can move forward with our plans. This letter is intended to provide as much information as we can at this time. Please know that the plans laid out here are subject to the agreement ratification this Thursday.

I have been made aware that some students and parents have seen changes to class lists through ParentVue and/or SeeSaw. At this time, assignments are preliminary. We will send a letter to families on Friday with class placement, schedules and additional details.

There are some pretty big changes to the schedule beginning this Friday, for some. This transition provides teachers time to prepare classrooms for in-person instruction as well as review and practice our safety protocols. The week of March 29th will be mostly asynchronous for students, with the exception of K-1. K-1 students will come to one in-person session on Thursday or Friday. They will not come both days. Grades 2-5 will begin hybrid on April 5th. There may be some synchronous sessions available for specials and at grade levels where a teacher is not transitioning to hybrid instruction. Details on this will be included in the letter being mailed on Friday. For families continuing with Comprehensive Distance Learning, the schedule will change and the details of this will be in Friday's letter.

Now, let's get to what you want to know:

Schedules:

K-1

- All classroom activities will be asynchronous beginning Friday, March 19th through March 31st. Students will not be meeting with their teachers online during this time, and can access asynchronous activities through SeeSaw.
- PM Hybrid Cohort: Thursday, April 1
- AM Hybrid Cohort: Friday, April 2
- All Hybrid Cohorts begin April 5th

2-5

- All classroom activities will be asynchronous March 29th-April 2nd.
- All Hybrid Cohorts begin April 5th.

AM Hybrid: 8:00-11:15, Mon-Tues, Thur-Fri, doors open at 7:53

PM Hybrid: 12:15-2:30, Mon-Tues, Thur-Fri, doors open at 12:08

Entry Procedures:

Students will be entering through four doors. [Click here to watch a video](#) by Ms. Hall explaining this process.

- Kindergarten: West doors near Arbor Lodge Park
- 1-2: Library doors on north side of building
- 3-5: Doors near portables on north side of building
- Bus Riders: Cafeteria

Please remember to practice 6 feet social distancing while lining up to enter the building, and wear your mask.

Drop & Go:

If you are driving, you can drop your student off at Bryant, rather than parking and walking your student to the school. This reduces the number of people congregating to line up for entry. Simply drive east on Bryant, and pull up to the curb just before Newcastle St. We will have a staff member there to ensure your student safely gets to the appropriate entry door.

Pick-Up:

Parents will pick up students from a classroom, or other building exterior door. When picking up your student, please remember to remain 6 feet apart, and wear your mask. We will be providing a map of these locations for those of you who are not familiar with class locations soon.

The following classrooms have direct exterior doors, and will be picked up there:

- Ms. Cooper
- Ms. Penny
- Ms. Pearson
- Ms. Ferguson
- Mr. Brown
- Ms. Peake
- Ms. Pinder

The following classrooms/grades will be picked up at these locations:

- Ms. Cornett: Library Doors
- 5th Grade: Portable Doors
- 3rd Grade: West Gym Doors
- 4th Grade: East Gym Doors

Safety Measures

- Visual Screening: When students enter the building, they will be visually screened by an adult and walk directly to class.

- Social Distancing: Students are spaced out within the classroom so that there is six feet distancing, and a 36 square foot bubble. Space is also reserved for the ability for students to walk around the classroom while maintaining social distancing.
- Masks: Students and staff will be wearing face masks. They can lift their masks to drink water but no food will be eaten during their time at school.
- Handwashing/Hand Sanitizer: Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. Students will also wash their hands every time they enter the classroom. This will be taught, supervised, and reinforced by the classroom teacher.
- Air Circulation: Every classroom has a HEPA filter. In addition, teachers will be opening windows. Please dress your student in layers, as the building may be a bit cooler than they are used to.
- Cohorts: Students are in small cohorts of 12 or fewer students. Only two cohorts at a time will be playing outside at the same time, and the playground will be divided so that the cohorts remain separated.

School Supplies

- Thanks to our generous and amazing PTO, supplies needed for in-person instruction will be provided here at school. Students do not need to bring any school supplies from home.

Items from Home

- Water Bottles: Please send your student with a full water bottle every day. This is the one object that will be going back and forth between home and school.
- We are trying to limit items coming into the school from home. If your student brings a backpack, they will not be allowed to access it during the school day.

Meals

- Students will not be eating snacks at school. Please make sure they get plenty to eat prior to coming to school.
- Grab and Go meals are available for students to take home every day at the end of hybrid instruction, at no cost. Be sure to communicate with your student and their teacher if you would like your student to participate in this program. You can request additional meals for siblings not attending our school who are under the age of 18.
- Grab and Go meals will also be available for curbside pick up 11:30-12:30 daily for CDL students.

CDL Instruction

We are doing our best to provide a CDL experience that is similar to what students have now. Students will be receiving 2 ¼ hours of synchronous CDL, four days a week. The details of the schedule changes will be available soon.

Specials

Art, music, and PE will continue to be provided online. There will be schedule changes to accommodate the transition to hybrid learning.

Thank you,

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