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Summer Update 2020

Dear Markham Families,

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer! Know that our staff miss you and your children so much. I have been waiting to condense all of the most up-to-date information into one update. Things are continuously changing and I'm working to keep up with the changes and manage them for Markham. Below is our current most up-to-date information, I will update you again in August (or sooner if necessary) as I receive information. If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please contact me at lpoole@pps.net.

First, I want to announce and welcome our interim Principal, Pam Joyner. She will be covering my maternity leave. In the last two years, Pam has successfully covered leaves for principals at Ockley Green Middle School as well as leading Rosa Parks through their Spring Digital Learning this last school year. As of right now, Pam will be working with us through the end of October. She has lots of experience in PPS and I know she will provide us with a stable start to our school year. Pam can be reached at pjoyner@pps.net. Please join me in welcoming her to Markham!

Update on School Re-entry This Fall:

The latest update on this fall was sent by Superintendent Guerrero on July 28th. Below I have linked this update:

[English](#) | [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaali](#)

His previous updates were sent on July 20th and July 11th and can be found here:

July 20th - [English](#) | [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaali](#)

July 11th - [English](#) | [Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaali](#)

There is also now a one-stop-shop for Fall 2020 PPS Updates here: pps.net/fall2020

Based on this most recent update, we will be opening to distance learning for the first quarter (November 5th) before moving to a hybrid model **when it is safe** to have in-person learning.

Even though we will be in online learning for the first couple of months, I have been working on building re-entry planning including building maps, safety procedures, social distancing plan, quarantine plan, entry, dismissal and much more. Once we get more information from the district, there will be a time for staff and families to provide feedback and input on this plan before finalization. Know that I will keep you updated throughout the process.

2020 Summer Food Locations:

[Español](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Soomaali](#)

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The PPS food distribution hub at Markham will continue Monday-Thursday throughout the summer, from June 11-August 21. Children 1-18 are eligible for a free lunch, simply go to Markham and ask for as many lunches as are needed by the children in your care. The children do not have to be present to receive food. The hours of the food distribution will be 11:30-1pm.

Principal Update TBD This Summer & School Communication:

Over the summer you can expect to receive an update from me in both July (this update) and in August. We also plan to hold a Principal Update Meeting most likely in August, day and time is TBD. The purpose of this meeting will be to update families on what school will look like this fall. We will determine the time and day once I receive more information on the state and district requirements and expectations.

We are unsure of when we will be able to have the office open. **Please assume the office is closed from June 15th - August 9th. If this changes we will send out an update.**

Things we don't have answers to yet:

The following items we do not currently have answers for, but will update you as soon as possible.

- Timeline and process for getting chromebooks for the fall
- If the beginning of school plan will change or not from what is currently projected
- The exact procedures for distance learning

I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Best,

Ms. Lydia Poole Smith