

Learning Today - Building Tomorrow

August 30, 2020

Greetings Markham Families,

I assume this email will find you navigating new paths within this ever-changing world; I do hope you were able to find some summer joy and that you and your family are healthy and well as we begin this very unusual school year.

This week, the soft start schedule will begin and continue from September 2-September 11. Your teacher will be reaching out to connect with you and your child during this time.

During **Soft Start**:

- **Sept. 2-11** Grades 1-5 will have a live daily classroom meeting focused on social emotional learning starting at 8:45 each morning.
- **Sept. 2-4** Kindergarten families/students will be scheduled for a 30 minute meeting to meet their teacher. This will be pre-scheduled with you.
- **Sept. 8-11** Kindergarten will begin their live 30 minute classroom meetings focused on social emotional learning starting at 8:45 each morning.

Regular Schedule:

Beginning September 14, the regular instructional schedule will begin and **the school day for students will be 8:45-3:15**. Your teacher will share the details with you in the coming days.

In general:

- Students will log on daily at 8:45 for a classroom meeting followed by core lessons (math and language arts).
- There will be additional login times afterwards, with many opportunities for small group instruction and non-screen time learning.
- Each week, all students will have one live and one recorded PE class per week, one session of live music, and a combination of live and recorded art and technology.

Nutrition Services:

Markham is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school which means we are able to provide school breakfasts and lunches to all students at no charge. Families do NOT need to submit a free or reduced-price meal application. We are also able to distribute meals on site during distance learning.

Starting Wednesday, September 2:

- **Where:** Meals will be available for pickup outside the cafeteria in the turnaround
- **When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Students will receive five days' worth of meals each week. On Monday, they will get breakfast and lunch for Monday and Tuesday; on Wednesday, they will get meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- If there are siblings in the family that attend PPS, you can receive meals for them at the Markham site.
- Pickup and delivery of school meals will be free for families who need assistance accessing meals. If you would like to participate, please fill out the [online form](#).

Books:

Mrs. Truman, our librarian has come up with a plan to get library books into the hands of all of our students this year called, **Let's Get Reading!** This program will involve loaning a bag of 10 books to your students to read independently or with family members, pets and stuffed animals! A few weeks later, you will return the book bag and receive a new one.

You will be receiving more details soon about **Let's Get Reading!** In the meantime, however, in order to keep our library the best that it can be, we need your help getting library books back in the coming days.

Schedule for Library Book Returns		
Date	Time	Location
September 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11	8 am - 4 pm	Outside Cafeteria Doors (place books in "Book Return" boxes)

Library notices will be sent out on August 29/30 via email. If you have questions or don't receive a notice, you can email Mrs. Truman at ktruman@pps.net. If you have tried your hardest and can't find a book, thank you for trying. There will be no penalties or fees owed. Please return the book if it turns up.

Technology:

The next scheduled date for chromebook distribution at Markham is Tuesday, September 1 from 9:00-1:00 at the turnaround.

If you do not know your student's username, please contact our school secretary, Colleen Smith csmith8@pps.net The password for every student is 4 digits based on birth month and day (for example September 2 birthday= 0902).

How to log in:

PPS issued Chromebook:

1. Connect to wifi
2. Click on "sign in with new account"
3. Use first initial and last name and last 4 digits of Student Identification Number
4. Password is birthday (Sept 2, password is "0902")
5. That should get you in. If not, please contact the csmith8@pps.net for assistance.

Getting onto your PPS Chromebook: [video](#)

Getting into seesaw: [video](#)

PPS Tech support

If you or your student is still struggling with any of the aspects of learning technology, you can reach out to your teacher and we can arrange for someone to walk you through the basics. You can also call the PPS Technology Help Desk, which is open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. M-F.

The Technology Help Desk is available in all PPS-supported languages. Email support@pps.net or call them:

- 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

Thank you for partnering with the Markham staff to create a caring community dedicated to educating your child.

Together We Will,

Pam Joyner
Interim Principal