



August 31, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so excited to welcome your child(ren) to PRES for an exciting, yet unprecedented school year. In the coming days, you should expect to receive your summer mailing with important school and PTA information, as well as forms to be completed prior to the start of school. The summer mailing will also include a letter from transportation with your child's bus stop and pick-up/drop-off times, if your child is attending school in-person or on the hybrid schedule. Please keep an eye out for your summer packet and return all necessary forms to the PRES main office.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOL**

To get a head start, please review this important information in preparation for the start of the year.

- [Kindergarten Meet & Greet Invitation](#): If you have a new kindergarten student, please click on this link to join us for a Kindergarten Meet & Greet with your child's Kindergarten teacher on **Wed., September 9th**.
- [Grades 1-5 New Family Orientation Invitation](#): If you are new to PRES, and entering grades 1-5, please click on this link to join us for our new family orientation on **Wednesday, September 9th**.
- [Important Dates and Parent Back-to-School Checklist](#): This 1-pager helps to outline the first three weeks of school, what to pack each day, and a checklist for parents to help you and your family get ready for school. **Keep this handy to help you start the year smoothly!**
- [PRES 2020-2021 Re-Entry Handbook](#): This 7-page handbook summarizes all our protocols (arrival, dismissal, visitors, transportation, lunch and recess, etc.) and safety guidelines you need to know for re-entry to PRES. **Please review this document carefully.**
- [PRES Bitmoji Classroom Re-Entry Protocols](#): Here is our family-friendly version of our re-entry protocols that you can use for discussions with your child about the new school year.
- [BCSD 2020-21 Calendar Updated](#): Newly adopted BCSD calendar with student start date on Sept. 10th.
- [Block Calendar 2020-2021](#): Our ABCD rotation for specials. Hang this one on the fridge!
- [Hybrid Cohort First Semester Day Codes](#): Our hybrid cohort 1 and 2 rotation for Sept. 2020-January 2021.
- [School Dismissal Manager FAQ's](#): These are FAQ's about our online daily dismissal program. Once the new student data is rolled over into SDM, you will receive an email prompting you to set up your account (if you are new to PRES) and to review your child's default dismissal plans. Please review carefully and start using SDM for any daily changes to your child's dismissal plans on September 10th.
- [September 2020 Breakfast Menu](#): BCSD participates in a breakfast program. Breakfast will be available to students when they arrive at school between 8:50-9:20 AM.
- [September 2020 Lunch Menu](#): You are welcome to pack a lunch for your child or take advantage of our school lunch program. Lunches will be carted to students in their classrooms. Bagged lunches will be available to families on the fully remote schedule and home days during the hybrid schedule.



- [Supply Lists 2020-2021](#): If you have not already pre-purchased your child's school supplies, please make sure to purchase the items on the grade level list and have your child bring them on the first day of school. For Kindergarteners, please bring your supplies to the Meet & Greet on Sept. 9th. If you are fully remote, and pre-purchased your supplies, we will arrange for a pick-up date/time to pick up your child's supplies.
- [PRES PTA Spirit Wear 2020](#) - Place order by September 1st!
- [Cub Pack 170 Recruiting Flyer](#)

#### **TECHNOLOGY REMINDER:**

As stated in the [August 19th technology letter](#), all students in grades 2-12 will be receiving a BCSD Chromebook for use at home and in school. Chromebook distribution will take place on **September 8, 2020**.

- **Students in grades K-1** will receive BCSD chromebooks in October. If your child is in Kindergarten or Grade 1 participating in full remote learning, and you do not have a personal computer that can be used until October, [please complete this form here](#) to be sure that a Chromebook is available for your child on September 8th.
- **ONLY students in grades 2-5** who are **fully remote** or in the **hybrid cohort 2 group** (last name M-Z) should plan to pick up a BCSD chromebook on September 8, 2020 between 9:00-12:00 at PRES. Students in grades 2-5 who are in the hybrid cohort 1 group, and will be in-person on the first day of school, September 10th, will receive their chromebooks in school.
- **Students with BCSD Chromebooks from last spring**: If your child already has a BCSD chromebook at home from last spring, please have your child bring his/her chromebook to school, **fully charged**, on September 10th, the first day of in-person learning. (Chargers can stay home.)
- **ALL BCSD students and parents** must sign a [Chromebook Agreement](#) showing that they understand that Chromebooks are for school related work and subject to BOE policy and school code of conduct. Please return this signed Chromebook Agreement to the PRES main office.
- **Directions for Chromebook Pick-up on September 8th**: Please arrive at PRES on **September 8th, anytime between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm**. Please pull into the bus circle in the front entrance to the school and follow the directions of our staff. Remain in your car and a staff member will bring your child's Chromebook to your car.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NURSE JILL:**

- [Memo from School Nurse - Back to School Planning](#): Please read this carefully with important information from our school nurses regarding re-entry to school.
- [Health Information & Safety Videos](#): Please click on this memo and share these student-friendly videos with your child to help him/her understand handwashing, respiratory hygiene, masks, and social distancing prior to school starting.
- [Medication Drop-Off](#): Please read this memo if you need to drop off medication for your child.



- [Face Mask Protocols ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)
- [Face Shield Protocols ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

#### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED:**

On our school website, under *Our Schools*, we have added a new section called [PRES 2020-2021 Re-Entry Information](#). Please click here to find summer principal memos, re-entry protocols, and the PRES August 20th Parent-Principal Coffee video. The District also has set up a School [Re-opening Plans and Guidance](#) section on the BCSD District website. Information will continue to be updated in these sections.

#### **TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:**

In this most unusual year, with some students learning in person and others remotely, keeping families across the district on a consistent schedule, and the option to make a change each month, creating class lists has been a complex and multi-layered process. This year, your child's teacher assignment can be found on the parent portal under "Schedule," which you can access on **Friday, September 4th**. Careful thought has gone into these placement assignments and we are confident that your children will be in wonderful hands in the coming year.

#### **SUMMER READING:**

I hope your children have been reading this summer. Please have them turn in their [summer reading bookmarks](#) during the first week of school. There will be a special way we will honor each child who completed a summer reading bookmark!

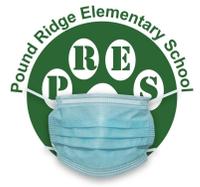
#### **KEY FEATURES OF NEW PROTOCOLS:**

As you know, we have had to change many of our procedures to ensure the safety of students and staff. It is essential that we **work together as a community** to keep everyone safe. Here are a few highlights from our re-entry protocols:

- Every parent must fill out a **health screening form on the computer or through an app by 7:30am each day** that their child is coming to school.
- Absences should be reported **by 9:30 am** using School Dismissal Manager (SDM) or call the main office at 914-764-8133 and speak with Susan Reiner, our office clerk.
- **Students may not arrive at school before 8:50am.** There will be no staff to supervise them.
- If you are driving your child to school, please follow our **arrival and dismissal staggered times:**  
A-H: Arrival 8:50; Dismissal 2:40 / I-R: Arrival 9:00; Dismissal 2:50 / S-Z: Arrival 9:10; Dismissal 3:00
- Changes to daily dismissal plans must be made in SDM by **1:00pm**.
- Any child being **picked up early** must be picked up **before 2:00pm** or wait for the normal dismissal.
- For the safety of students and staff, **visitors will not be allowed** in the school building.



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- There will be **no before or after school activities** so the building can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

I hope you and your family enjoy these final days of summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the main office at 914-764-8133. We look forward to welcoming your children to school on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Amy Fishkin

Principal