



September 18, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

By now, we've completed our first full week of school! Thank you, again, for your continued support during this new and unusual school year. The children have been truly amazing! They are cooperative, flexible, and resilient and we are enjoying having their inquisitive minds back in school again! Here are a few updates and reminders to keep you informed:

**ARRIVAL:** Our arrival routine is going very smoothly. Just like dismissal, we ask that you **stay in your car** and have your child exit the **curbside door**, if you are dropping off. Please remember to complete your **health screening** in the morning and check that your child's **SDM dismissal plans** are accurate each day. At this time, we'd like to reduce our arrival time to **8:50-9:10 AM**. Please drop off your child **by 9:10 AM**.

Last Name	A-F	G-O	P-Z
<b>ARRIVAL</b> K-2 = K Wing; Back lot 3-5 = Main entrance	8:50-9:00 AM	9:00-9:05 AM	9:05-9:10 AM
<b>DISMISSAL</b> K-5 = K wing; Back lot	2:40-2:50 PM	2:50-3:00 PM	3:00-3:10 PM

**EMERGENCY DRILLS:** Now that we are back in the school building, we are required by NYS to conduct several emergency drills during the school year. This includes fire drills, lockdown drills, and evacuation drills in order to be prepared for any type of emergency. Today, **Friday, September 18th** at approximately **10:00 AM** we will conduct our first fire drill of the year. Students in school will learn our emergency exit routes, while still maintaining social distancing. We will be sure to practice all of our drills on a variety of days and times so that both cohort 1 and cohort 2 students are familiar with these procedures. If you are a student working remotely from home, you do NOT have to participate in the drill. However, please be aware that if a teacher is late to log onto a Google Meet, it could be due to an emergency drill.

**PLAYDATES:** If you are having a playdate or arranging transportation for a child who is not in your family, you must arrange this as a pick-up at dismissal. Playdates are not allowed to ride the bus. Bus routes must maintain the same students so there is no "cross contamination" of different students riding different buses. I know this is not ideal, but these are steps we must take to keep our school community healthy.

**MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS:** There may be times during the year when you would like to arrange a meeting with a teacher, either as a class parent or to discuss your child. Please understand that we cannot have parents in the school unless it is for essential business. Essential visits include:

- Pre-scheduled meetings that cannot be handled virtually. Parents will be provided the opportunity to meet with school personnel virtually via Google Meet.
- Picking up sick persons from designated areas.
- Other visits deemed essential by school administration.



- Please see [Visitor Management Section](#) (3.03) in our BCSD Reopening Plans for more details.

**MEALS:** Recent federal and state decisions now allow Districts to provide **free meals** to all students until **December 31, 2020**. Individually packaged breakfasts and lunches are available to students at school. Students can pick up a bagged breakfast on their way to class upon arrival. Students can order lunch at school in the morning with their teacher. Everyday will have hot lunch and cold lunch (sandwich) options. If you would like to order meals for your child(ren) on hybrid or fully remote days at home, you can contact Aramark to arrange for meal pick-up at your closest elementary school every Monday (cohort 2/full remote) and Thursday (cohort 1/full remote) between 10:30-12:30. Please see [Aramark Food Distribution flyer](#) on our District website for more information.

**LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA:** Since the weather has been so nice, many classes have enjoyed taking breaks and eating outside during snack and lunch. We will continue to take students outside for meals and breaks as much as possible. After consulting with our District doctor, Dr. Corsaro, we have decided to move our lunch periods back into the cafeteria. We are finding that we will be better able to provide student supervision, distribution of food, and a healthy dining experience for our students in the cafeteria. Windows will be open, fans will be positioned to draw air to the outside to improve ventilation, and students will be seated 6-feet apart. Lunch periods will be staggered with cleaning and disinfecting of tables between periods. Students will continue to wash hands before and after meals. Students will remain seated with their assigned cohort. Supervision of students, distribution of meals, and the health and safety of our students can be effectively maintained, and even improved, with this new model. We will begin on Monday, September 21st.

**HOMEWORK:** Since students are completing work both at home and at school through our multiple models of instruction, and we are cognizant of students' mental health during this global crisis, no additional homework will be assigned at this time, other than nightly reading. Please continue to enrich your children's learning at home by encouraging them to play outside, play board games or card games as a family, read aloud books together, write letters to friends and family members, visit local museums virtually, and allow children to be creative with art projects, imaginative play, and music.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Please note that our Back to School Night for ALL grades (K-5) will take place on **Tuesday evening, September 29, 2020**. On this night, teachers will provide information about the curriculum and what to expect during this school year. BTSN will be conducted virtually via Google Meet. More information to follow.

Remember that the only way this can be successful is if we all work together. While returning to schools has given us some sense of normalcy, we are not out of the woods. We are still living amidst a health pandemic. Especially now, as children are being exposed to other children in school, please continue to be vigilant about mask wearing, social distancing, and handwashing outside of school. When we all follow the safety guidelines, we lower our risk as a school community and help to ensure everyone's safety. I am so proud of what we have already accomplished! Thank you for your ongoing support. We are all in this together!

Sincerely,  
Amy Fishkin