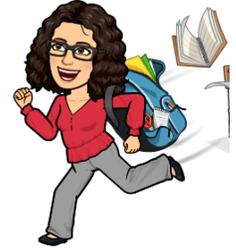




September 4, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

It is hard to believe that in less than 1 week, we will be welcoming our PRES students back to school both in person and virtually. We have been working around the clock to ensure a smooth and safe reopening of school. While there are still final details to iron out, we are optimistic and prepared for a successful start! During these uncertain times, we are eager to give our students some sense of normalcy, and yet school will definitely look and feel different this year. Teachers and teacher aides have been working tirelessly to set up multiple classrooms throughout the building, space desks and tables 6-feet apart, separate and sort individual school supplies, and test our technology capabilities to ensure that we can connect and engage in meaningful ways with our students learning from home. Please understand that we are all still learning yet another new way to do school. With multiple models (in person, hybrid, and fully remote) taking place simultaneously, there may be bumps in the road and tweaks to make along the way. Please know that as we roll out the school year, we will be monitoring, evaluating, and adjusting our methods and approach to best meet the needs of our students, while maintaining a safe learning environment for all.



Your summer mailing left the PRES office on September 1st, so you should be receiving it shortly, if you haven't received it already. There are several forms to be completed prior to the start of school, so **please review and return all necessary paperwork to the main office by September 11th**. 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.

UPDATED SCHOOL MEMOS:

- [Block Calendar 2020-2021 UPDATED](#): Our ABCD rotation for specials. Hang this one on the fridge! Please DISREGARD older versions of this. There was an error found on March 15, which is a D day, not an A day.
- [Hybrid Cohort First Semester Day Codes UPDATED](#): Please DISREGARD older versions of this. There was an error found on November 16, which originally said "off," but is a school day.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- [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. Click here for our [family-friendly Bitmoji version](#) of the re-entry protocols. **Please review carefully.**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 8: Chromebook Distribution @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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.

September 8: Supplies for Fully Remote Students @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- If your child will be fully remote AND you **pre-ordered school supplies**, please stop by PRES between 9:00-12:00 on September 8th to pick up your child's school supplies.
- If your child is fully remote AND your **child is in 3rd grade**, please stop by PRES between 9:00-12:00 to pick up an envelope of supplies for your child to use at home.

September 9: Kindergarten Meet and Greet @ 9:00 - 11:00 AM

- [Kindergarten Meet & Greet Invitation](#): If you have a new kindergarten student, please click on this link to join us for a Kindergarten Meet & Greet. Please make sure to wear masks and bring one parent per child.

September 9: Grades 1-5 New Family Orientation @ 1:00-2:00 PM

- [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. Please make sure to wear masks and bring one parent per child.

September 10: First Day of School!

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:

Just a reminder... This year, your child's teacher assignment can be found on the parent portal under "Schedule," which you can access on **Friday, September 4th at 3:00 pm**. Your child's teacher will be sending you a separate letter either electronically or at your Kindergarten Meet & Greet. They will send you a link to a family survey to gather information about how your child is feeling about school. Please be sure to complete this survey so that we can best support your child upon arrival.

WHAT TO PACK FOR SCHOOL EACH DAY:

Please bring a **beach towel**, **2 masks in a ziplock or reusable bag**, and a **labeled water bottle** to school on each "in school" day. Students should also bring a **lunch and snack** each day (unless they buy lunch). **Chromebooks**, in grades 2-5, should come to school every day fully charged.



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 10th**. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Amy Fishkin