

Principal Communications 8-30-20

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

Here we go! Tomorrow, August 31, 2020 is our first day of the new school year! We are excited to get started...virtually! I am so grateful for your support and collaboration, and I know we will be able to provide our students with a great online experience! Here are some important pieces of information and clarifications for you:

8:45-9:00 a.m.

This 15 minute time period is **prior** to the start of Zoom classes. This is time at home for students to make sure they have all their learning materials ready, is turning the device on and beginning to log in to their Zoom's class waiting room. The teacher will admit students to the Zoom classroom at 9:00 a.m. and begin direct instruction.

Tech Issues

Logging in: It is very important that students are logging in to their computers and applications using their MCPS google account information. MyMCPS Classroom and Zoom are protected and secure online environments, so students must use these accounts to access and engage in learning.

There is MCPS technical assistance for parents and students- you can call 240-740-7020 or email communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org.

For Parent Vue issues:

- Families who did not receive an email with ParentVUE activation information or are experiencing difficulty, can call 240-740-7020 or email communitytechsupport@mcpsmd.org.
- If parents can only see some children but not all, please complete this form and MCPS will merge accounts:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3RJam5FI3jdbhxmSttrSLB-ybJ3Gwp4sB8dPAwqj1VjmzNg/viewform>

Parent Webinar Series:

More dates and times have been added to the webinar series for parents. Check out the updated flyer and visit the MCPS website for updates and links to resources. The recordings to the live sessions are available for your information.

- Flyer: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S7qQJcm_zk4yQUtRPPZY7uoo16govBitrtMUPHljav0/edit?usp=sharing
- Website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/>

Student Guide for Joining a Zoom Meeting

Here is a link you for students to help them join Zoom sessions:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-GRxncqUaary6pLr_VWrg7fBnmai4IZ2pT8VvpNE Xg8/preview#heading=h.4hs1iyb31570

Building Community and Stamina

Building community and a positive learning environment is essential always, especially right now. Our first two weeks will focus on building relationships, focusing on routines and assisting students and families with virtual learning in an online environment. This means that your teachers may assign some independent tasks to students to work on offline so that they can offer times for families to access them via virtual home visits/office hours for additional support and assistance. Please look out for these times and communicate with your child's teacher if you need assistance.

Lesson Recordings

- Teachers will be recording the direct instruction portion of lessons in order to support families and students, create flexibility in accessing learning experiences when attending live instruction is a barrier, and enhance the opportunity to review lesson content and resources. As we are doing lots of community building this week, there will not be much recorded. Again, recordings will be for academic content only.
- When students first log in, their video and audio is off by default. If students should not be recorded, they should leave these off. Recordings are protected, available only to students through a secure myMCPS site, unavailable for download, and will delete after 72 hours. We recognize that even with these protections there may be students or families who do not want their children's images or voices to be captured. If you would like to have your student opt out of being in the recording, they should keep their video off in each class from the start of the school year. Parents/guardians are asked to indicate an opt out in the Parent Vue portal by September 11, 2020.
- Link to the [Parent Vue Slide Deck](#) provides families with information about activating the Parent Vue Account.

Attendance

- It is the expectation that all students will attend the live class sessions.
- If there is a technical issue or something preventing the student from accessing the live instruction, students may engage in instruction other ways and be marked present for the day. They may also participate in a discussion thread or assignment on MyMCPS Classroom.

- If you know that your student is going to be unavailable for instruction and will be absent, you may still contact our front office at 240-722-1800. We will send out more information regarding procedures for attendance this week.

Meal Sites

We have three meal distribution sites in Olney. They are Olney Elementary, Rosa Parks Middle, and Sherwood High School.

Here's what you need to know:

- On August 31, 2020 DFNS (Department of Food and Nutrition Services) will convert to a more traditional meal service that will continue through the fall at 74 meal distribution sites.
- They will serve breakfast & lunch.
- They will have a drive up or walk up curbside meal service model in the front of the school building in the bus loop.
- Meals will be served from 11a.m. – 1p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (no meal service on Thursday) and students/families will need the student identification number and/or letter with barcode in order to pick up a meal. Standard meal prices will be charged and students who receive Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) will continue to pay reduced rates. MCPS is sending a mailing home to all families with this information as well as the Student ID number and barcode.
- A student must be enrolled in an MCPS school to receive these meals.
- Families can pick up meals at any of the 74 sites. DFNS will also continue to work with our community partners: MANNA, Women Who Cares Ministries, McLean Bible Church, county government agencies and others to provide food and other critical resources to our families the community.

Here's what you need to do:

Please [click here](#) to complete a survey to opt in for 2020 Fall Meal Curbside Service.

Brooke Grove ES

We have a Brooke Grove ES page on MyMCPS Classroom. All students have access to this page, so parents can also view. Please be patient as we are building this page as

we go. We hope this will be a meaningful source of information and resources to you

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Need Technology Help?
Families who need technical help can call 240-740-7020 Monday-Friday between 7am and 8pm or email communitytechsupport@mcpssmd.org.

Principal's Page | School Schedule | Important Information | Morning Announcements
The Reading Nook | Media | Counselor's Corner | Online Tools for Learning
Eureka Resources | Benchmark Resources | Technology Support | PTA

MCPS Coronavirus Updates

Vision We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student!	Mission Every student will have the academic, creative, problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.	Core Purpose Prepare our students to thrive in their future.	Core Values Learning, Relationships, Respect, Excellence, Equity
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Instructional Leadership Team Mission
We problem solve, collaborate, and communicate in order to guide and support a thriving Brooke Grove family.

and your students.

Please be sure to check out our [staff welcome video](#)! We are all in this together and will continue to be Brooke Grove Strong!

Have a wonderful Sunday! I look forward to seeing our students on Zoom this week!

Warmly,

Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

Brooke Grove Elementary