August 24, 2021

Dear Somerset Families:

We are so excited to start the 2021-2022 school year. Our staff has been working hard to get their classrooms ready for the first day of school on Monday, August 30th.

Out of an abundance of caution, and given the circumstances of the current COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County, all schools in MCPS have been asked to make open houses, parent meetings, and back to school events a virtual experience to restrict the number of adults in our school buildings.

We wanted to share with you what this means for the upcoming scheduled events at Somerset Elementary.

**Somerset Community Bus Tour - Cancelled**
While we love the opportunity to visit our community, we have decided to cancel this activity out of an abundance of caution. We look forward to having the Somerset Community Bus Tour in the future.

**Kindergarten Orientation - In Person for Students Only**
Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, August 26th is permitted to still occur in person for students only. We will have information tables set up in the front of the school for Kindergarten parents to learn more about the Somerset PTA, Somerset Foundation and Bar-T. Parents can use this opportunity to meet families outside, and learn more about our community.

The orientation times will remain the same:
- 9:30-10:00 Last Names A-M
- 10:30-11:00 Last Names N-Z

**New Family Meeting - Virtual**
The New Family Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, August 27 from 9:00-9:30 A.M.

[Click here to join Zoom meeting](https://www.zoom.us/j/82614215431?pwd=181642)
Meeting ID: 826 1421 5431
Passcode: 181642

**Kindergarten Parent Meeting - Virtual**
The Kindergarten parent meeting will be held virtually on Friday, August 27 from 9:30-10:00 A.M.
Sneak Peek -Virtual
Sneak Peek will be held *virtually* on Friday, August 27 from 10:00-11:30. Your child’s classroom teacher will send an email Friday morning introducing themselves and will provide a Zoom Link for Sneak Peek.

There will be two virtual Sneak Peek sessions for families with children in different grade levels.

10:00-10:40 -- Session 1  
10:50-11:30 -- Session 2

Back To School Night -Virtual  
Back to School Night will be held *virtually*.

K-2: Wednesday, Sept. 8th 6:30-8:00 PM  
3-5: Monday, Sept. 13th 6:30-8:00 PM

**CHROMEBOOK PICK UP FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS & NEW FAMILIES:**

Students new to Somerset will need a MCPS chromebook. **New families** can pick up a chromebook on Thursday from 9:30-11:00 in the bus loop out front of our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Turner  
Acting Principal  
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