

Welcome to Strawberry Knoll. This is Mr. Scott. I hope this message finds you all safe, well and enjoying the summer. I know you are anxiously awaiting more information on what the upcoming school year will look like for our school community! Please know that as details are discussed and finalized by MCPS, we will be sending information to you on a range of topics including *school-specific schedules, distribution of technology and learning materials, meal services, resources and supports*, and much more.

Materials Distribution

On Monday August 17th and Tuesday, August 18th we will have a materials distribution at Strawberry Knoll. The distribution will be held in the morning from 9AM to 12 PM and in the afternoon from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We will stagger our distribution by last name. This is a change from our original message.

Please see the updated information about distribution [here](#).

The distribution will take place in the bus loop at the front of the school and will continue around the building to the car rider line. We will have signs and cones to direct your path. Please write your child's first and last name, grade level and ID number on a piece of paper. Make sure it is large enough so that we can see it through the window. We will put the materials in the trunk of your car.

If you are walking, please approach the table nearest the flagpole and then continue around the building to the car rider loop to get instructional materials. We will have a table to provide you with the materials. If you are not able to come during your child's designated time, then come at the time that works best for you.

Principal's Meeting

I will be hosting a **Summer Principal's Meeting on Wednesday, August 19th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** to provide relevant updates, as I have them at the time, and to respond to questions from our community. The Google Meets link for the meeting is below:

<https://meet.google.com/mpg-rtvy-dwd>

Join by phone

(US) +1 218-481-1723 PIN: 476 968 658#

Parent Portal

This school year, Synergy ParentVUE will replace the Parent Portal as the primary home-to-school communication vehicle for schools to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling, and more. Parents will receive an activation letter in the mail. Please enroll so that we can share important school and community information in a secure way. Also, you will be able to update your contact information.

Families will receive information regarding next year's class assignments during pre-service week. Families will receive individual information via email.

Open House

Next, mark your calendars for our virtual Open House to be held via Zoom on **Thursday, August 27th**. Families will sign up for a 15-minute time slot on SignUp Genius to meet the teacher and new classmates. Multiple time slots, in both morning and afternoon, will be available to accommodate schedules and families with more than one student. A link to a SignUp Genius will be provided by your child's teacher. Please note that Open House serves as a meet and greet opportunity only; it is not like Back to School Night.

Also on **Thursday, August 27th**, we will hold a Kindergarten ONLY Back to School Night via Zoom from **6:30-7:30 pm**. More information will be shared with kindergarten families soon! Back to School Night for families with children in PreK, 1st-5th, and Autism will be held on a later date in September.

That's all for now. Let us continue to send messages of hope and positivity to our children---as we commit to working together to make their fall learning experiences the very best.

Hope to see you soon,,

Mr. Scott