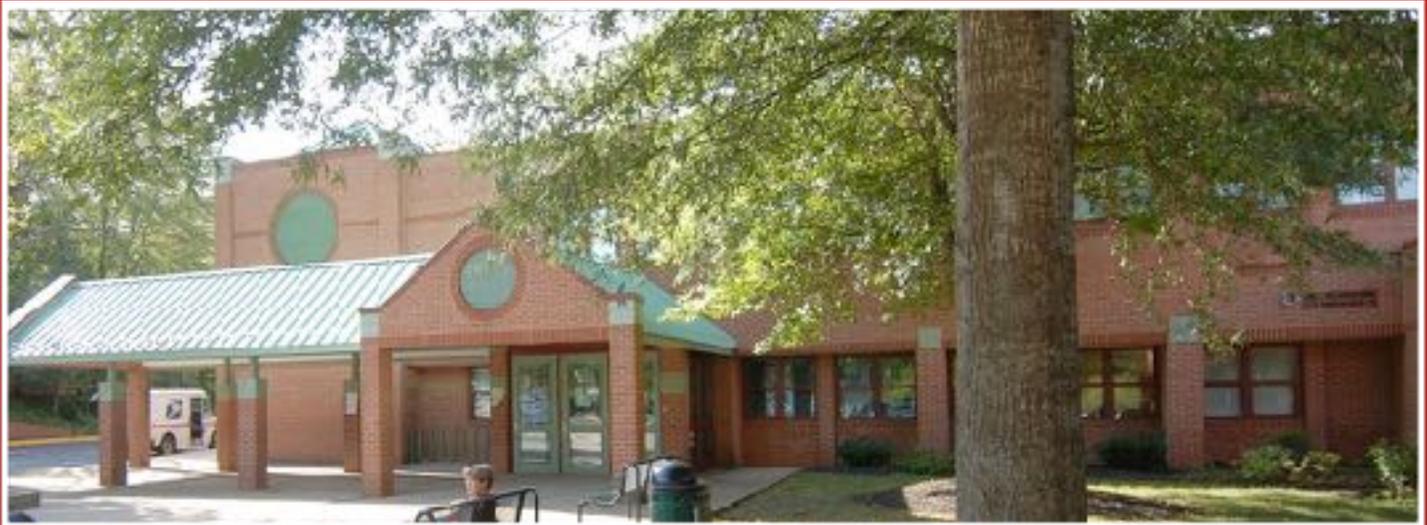


PYLE PHYLE 2020-21

Our Back-to-School Newsletter for Pyle Families



SAVE THE DATES!

1

VIRTUALLY BACK TO SCHOOL COFFEE W/ MR NARDI
Thursday, August 27, 8:30-9:30 am, via Zoom

2

STUDENT ORIENTATION DAY
Friday, August 28, 9-11:15 am

3

FIRST DAY OF ONLINE CLASSES
Monday, August 31

4

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Thursday, September 3

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From Our Principal

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the last weeks of summer. To help you prepare for the upcoming year, in this newsletter, you will find a good deal of information, tips and upcoming events that may interest you. The start of this school is like no other as we will be starting in the distance learning format.

This distance learning experience will be different from what we did in the Spring. Teachers will be providing live lessons and attendance for students is required, like we would expect in a brick and mortar classroom. There will be four classes per day with a “lunch” break. We will share the schedule once approved by the Board of Education. We anticipate having an ODD/EVEN day schedule like we would normally use if we were in the school building. This Fall we will return to a traditional grading scale where students receive letter grades for their grades for the marking period.

Each year brings turnover in staff, and this year fourteen new people have joined our ranks. We also welcome back Mrs. Brooks Kemp. She will be our new administrator and will oversee the 6th grade. Previously, she was a 7th grade English teacher and Team Leader at our school for several years. All staff are working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year, and we are looking forward to welcoming students on Monday, August 31st, the first day of online classes.

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Middle school is a time of great transition for our students. We want to ensure that those transitions are met with support and guidance from our staff. Supporting our students’ academic and social emotional growth is our focus at Pyle. We work to help our students demonstrate a passion for learning and honor the diversity of our school community. We expect our students to respect the many different cultures, races, gender identities and religions represented within our school, which is at the heart of having good character. Our students’ involvement in school and kindness to each other, online or in person, is what makes Pyle such a unique place. Our staff actively works to maintain a respectful and nurturing school culture, and our students will rise to the occasion.

Please put the following dates on your calendar. First, Friday, August 28th is the Student Orientation Day, which will provide students an opportunity to meet their teachers and hear about the coming school year. The program will start at 9:00 and end at 11:15. This is a valuable time for all students to meet their teachers and to begin navigating the myMCPS digital platform; however, students who are unable to attend will participate in many orientation and team building activities during the first weeks of school. On Thursday, September 3rd, we will hold our Back to School Night. We will share more information closer to that date with regard to ZOOM information and pre-recorded information.

Our parent community is very supportive of our work, and that, combined with the dedication of our teachers and other staff members, is what makes Pyle a special place to learn and grow. I hope that you will join the PTSA and get involved in its work when you can; the PTSA and the Pyle Education Foundation are significant supporters of the educational programs for our students and to the environment at Pyle, which enables our students to thrive.

We look forward to eventually welcoming everyone into our building. The addition project is now completed and provides us with seven additional classrooms, five team rooms, three offices, four connecting hallways from the back addition to the main building and a second floor to our cafeteria. Overall, this project has increased our physical footprint by about 100,000 square feet. We will also have updated technology and new furniture in these classrooms.

I look forward to our continued partnership as we come together to support our students and create an excellent middle school experience for all. Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are all looking forward to the start of another great year!

**Do Good & Be Good,
Chris Nardi. Principal, Pyle Middle School.**



From Our PTSA President and Vice President

On behalf of our Pyle PTSA, we welcome you to our 2020-21 school year! Clearly, this year will look vastly different than any other, but the PTSA is working closely with the administration, teachers and staff to make it “virtually” the best! **A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our 2020-21 PTSA Board Members and Committee Chairs.** Pyle MS would not be the strong community it is without the endless hours our volunteers put in each and every year.

PTSA Membership is vital to our success as a school community and especially as we weather the impacts of COVID-19 and online learning! We strongly encourage all parents, teachers, staff and students to join Pyle PTSA. PTSA membership gives you access to the AtoZConnect online and paperback directory. This year funds raised will be focused toward community outreach efforts and endeavors to support teachers, staff and students by providing needed supplies, as well as community access to experts in the online learning arena and social-emotional health.

With recognition that COVID-19 has made a tremendous and unexpected impact on our community, we have changed our PTSA Membership structure for the 2020-2021 school year. **This year we are offering a discounted membership for all families of \$20.20.** We hope this change will encourage all families to join and engage in all that is happening this year at Pyle.

As we start the school year, we recognize that many other schools in MCPS are facing funding challenges to create enriched virtual learning programs. In fact, over 61,000 MCPS students receive free & reduced-price meals and many families struggle to afford basic necessities like school supplies.

As a result, Pyle’s Back-to-School PTSA Donation Drive for 2020-2021 will support and benefit these students, especially those at our Sister-School, Parkland MS through the [MCPS Education Foundation’s GIVE BACKpacks](#). For just \$10, you can provide a student with supplies for virtual learning, for \$300, you can support a classroom and \$2,500 will support a whole grade.

To further support this effort and our community, the Pyle PTSA will match the first \$2,500 raised in 2020. To ensure the funds are earmarked for our sister-school, Parkland, please donate through the [AtoZConnect Store](#), rather than directly to the MCPS Education Foundation site.

Lastly, the PTSA always welcomes your suggestions and ideas. This is especially important in the coming months as we enter into this uncharted territory of virtual schooling. Together with kindness, compassion and the support of Mr. Nardi and the Pyle Teachers and Staff, we can confront the inevitable challenges ahead and work toward the same goal of student engagement and success. ***It truly does take a village!***



Fondly,

Daphne O'Brien and Katy Greenberg
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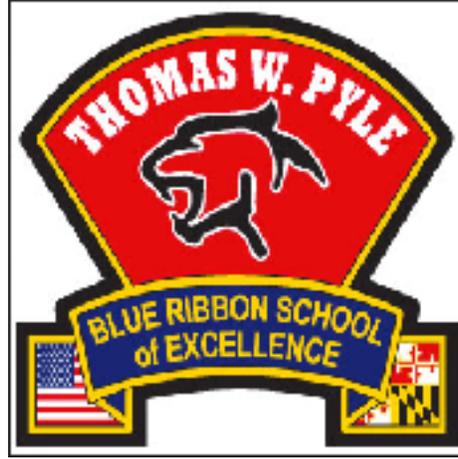


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“Virtually” Back-to-School Coffee with Mr. Nardi
Sponsored by Pyle PTSA & Pyle Education Foundation (PEF)

Date: Thursday, August 27

Time: 8:30-9:30am

Location: via Zoom Webinar

(Log-in Link will be provided the day prior via email)

Join with your morning coffee or tea, as Mr. Nardi and his Administration Team talk about what to expect and how to navigate the first weeks virtually back at Pyle for 2020-2021.

We encourage ALL parents in ALL grade levels to join in!!

Welcome to Pyle Middle School, 6th Graders!

Dear 6th Grade Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer break, and is ready to embark on this middle school adventure! I am very excited for your students to be Pyle Panthers! Middle school is an exciting time of academic and social emotional growth. At Pyle we are committed to demonstrating a passion for learning, encouraging academic and personal growth, sustaining a nurturing and respectful environment, and honoring diversity. Your student will hear and feel these messages throughout all of their classes.

Your student will be placed on one of three teams. The team name and Team Leader is indicated in the period 8 slot of your student's schedule. Our 6th grade team names are the Rock Stars, All Stars, and Super Stars. Students on the same team will most likely have teachers in common for world studies, science, and English. Your student may find that their Team Leader is also their science or math teacher as well. Team Leaders work to support and monitor the students on their team. Students should take pride in whatever team they are assigned. Their team is like a small community within the larger 6th grade community.

I am looking forward to meeting all of the 6th graders and supporting them as their administrator.

Best,

Mrs. Brooks Kemp

Welcome 6th grade families! We are so excited to be starting the new school year with you! We are anticipating a fun-filled, creative and productive year! The start of 6th grade year is usually a year full of transitions and Pyle's 6th grade teachers are here to help parents and students navigate all of the changes that occur during that first year in middle school. This year will, of course, be different in many challenging ways and the 6th grade teachers are excited to help students access our distance learning programs that we have designed to ensure that all students are engaged in virtual lessons, learning activities and work periods that will be applied to all areas of studies. We will be providing many opportunities for students and families to get to know your new teachers. Please know that we are available if you have any questions or concerns and that we will all work together to make this a very successful year for all students!

From your 6th grade Team Leaders:

Eve Nations - Rockstars Team

Chris Lun - Superstars Team

Jennifer Goodstein - All-Stars Team

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CLASS
OF
2027**

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JOIN THE PTSA

CHECK BELL TIMES

**GET READY FOR A
GREAT YEAR!**

Welcome Incoming 7th Graders!

HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON YOU

The 7th grade teachers are excited to start another school year. We prepared strategies, applications, and websites to make 2020-2021 distance learning rich and educational. As soon as you get your schedule, you can check your 8th period class to find out what team you are on.

8th Period - 'Golden' - Voyager

8th Period - 'Reilly' - Challenger

8th Period - 'Topor' - Trailblazer

Your grade level counselors are Ms. Vogel and Ms. Hahn. In addition to your new grade level administrator is Mrs. Beckett.

We want to let you know that this year we will sell 7th grade team t-shirts. All 7th grade shirts will look the same but will have special delineation as to your team. A flyer will be sent home in the first weeks of school.

Here is a list of tips for success when navigating distance learning this semester:

ESTABLISH A DAILY ROUTINE

Waking up, getting dressed, eating breakfast at the same time each day can help you settle into your schedule. Block out ample time to complete homework assignments and study, but don't forget to block out time for exercise and fun too.

CREATE A WORKSPACE

Whether it's a desk in your room, the dining room table, or another quiet space in your house, find a dedicated workspace to call your own. It's important to keep your space neat and organized.

LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Being home can create more learning distractions—extra technology, family, pets, and chores. Keep your phone (and other extras) in a different space during the school day and try your best to limit distractions in your workspace.

STAY CONNECTED

You should plan on checking your school email at least two times per day. Use your email to communicate with your teachers and classmates. Participate in live learning when it's offered—it's a great way to stay connected to your classmates and teachers. Learning remotely doesn't mean learning alone---reach out if you need help.

We are so excited to begin synchronous online learning. See you soon, 7th graders!

-The 7th Grade Team

SEE YOU SOON,

7TH GRADERS!!

Welcome back, 8th Graders!

Welcome to 8th grade! Below are some tips for you to be successful as we start our classes online:

CREATE A WEEKLY SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

In addition to planning for when your classes take place, plan for the other important parts of your day. Plan to wake up early enough to allow yourself to get dressed and eat breakfast, so you start the school day ready to fully participate in classes. Plan what and when you will have for a healthy mid-morning snack and lunch. Block out ample time to complete homework assignments and study, but don't forget to reserve time for exercise and fun too.

CREATE A WORKSPACE

Whether it's a desk in your room, the dining room table, or another quiet space in your house, find a dedicated workspace to call your own. You will want to pick an area that is free of distraction. Discussing your "quiet zone" with your family may be beneficial as well so they understand that your time is crucial to your academic success. Have your school supplies within reach of your workspace and make sure you can plug in your device while you are working. If you are concerned about others seeing into your home when your camera is on, plan your work space in an area that allows you to point your camera towards a wall or use a background in your zoom.

LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Turn off all distractions. Turn off the TV, electronics, and phone so you can focus on your classes. This will help you to better concentrate on the task at hand (and without the distractions that social media can provide). Keep your phone (and other extras) in a different room during the school day and turn off the audible notifications that a new message has arrived. When you allow yourself to become absorbed in study, learning improves.

ENGAGE IN LEARNING

Interact in your classes as though you were doing in-class learning to gain the ultimate benefits. Write down important points. Just like in a traditional classroom setting, taking notes may make it easier to remember the important pieces of information you will need to retain. Ask questions as soon as you have them. There's nothing worse than convincing yourself that you will eventually learn the subject and find out a week later that you still do not understand the topic. It's important if you're struggling with a topic to be proactive and seek out help. Your teachers will have office hours, take advantage of this time to get help.

TAKE BREAKS

Take frequent, short breaks. Between classes and lunch is a great time to take a break. We can become a little bit numb after an hour of looking at the computer screen, but stepping away and taking a few minutes to yourself is a way to rejuvenate your brain.

STAY CONNECTED

You should plan on checking your school email at least two times per day. Use your email to communicate with your teachers and classmates. Participating in live learning is a great way to stay connected to your classmates and teachers. Learning remotely doesn't mean learning alone---reach out if you need help.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH

There will be challenges to going to school remotely and sometimes your day may not go as you or your teachers planned. Be kind to yourself and communicate any challenges you experience with your teachers and counselors. Remember, we are all in this together.

PYLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ENHANCING YOUR STUDENT'S PYLE EXPERIENCE

From Our PEF President

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

The Pyle Education Foundation Board is looking forward to supporting our academic community during this unprecedented school year. Our Board is made up of Pyle parents as well as Principal Nardi. Current members include myself, Sara Vogelhut, Shannon Buskirk, Marysol Cummings, Najiyah Khan, Katie Blot and Betsy Megary.

With your support, the PEF was able to fund a variety of projects that enhanced the educational experience of Pyle students over the past year, including:

Cardio equipment for the newly-built Fitness Room

After school math tutoring

Cyberbullying Seminar

Teacher workshops and staff development conferences

Custom benches made of repurposed wood from the "PE Gum Tree"

Shakespeare in the Classroom for all grades* (co-funded with the PTSA; rescheduled for 2021)

Choral Accompanist

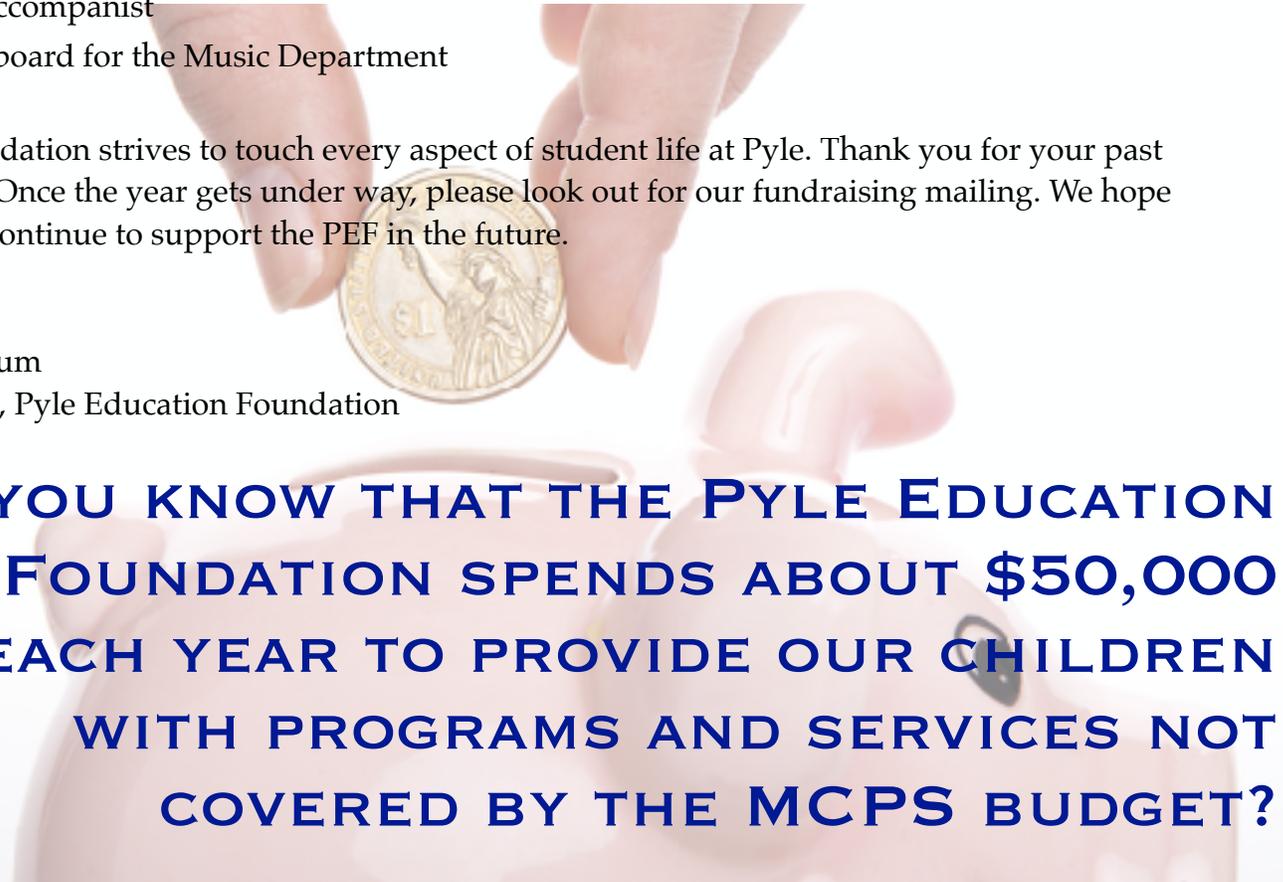
New keyboard for the Music Department

The Foundation strives to touch every aspect of student life at Pyle. Thank you for your past support. Once the year gets under way, please look out for our fundraising mailing. We hope you can continue to support the PEF in the future.

Stay safe,

Elena Naum

President, Pyle Education Foundation



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PYLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPENDS ABOUT \$50,000 EACH YEAR TO PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES NOT COVERED BY THE MCPS BUDGET?



If your child is new to Pyle in 7th or 8th grade, or if your child is in 6th grade but did NOT come from one of Pyle's five MCPS feeder elementary schools, please create your directory account at <https://atozconnect.com/cls/login.php> After clicking on "Signup Now," you can find Pyle Middle School by entering 20817 in the "Organization Zip Code" field.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

[HTTP://WWW.MONTGOMERYSCHOOLSMD.ORG/SCHOOLS/PYLEMS/PTSA](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/pylems/ptsa)



HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED SINCE PUBLICATION OF LAST YEAR'S DIRECTORY?

If your email address has changed since publication of last year's Pyle or feeder elementary school directory, please contact Heather Dailey, PTSA VP of Membership (Directory), at

vpmembership_directory@pyleptsa.org

with "Pyle Directory – new email" in the subject line. Thank you!

Bell Times / Schedule

Pyle will follow an ODD/EVEN schedule:

Monday/Thursday - Periods 1,3,5,7
 Tuesday/Friday - Periods 2,4,6,8

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:15 - 9:00	<i>Teacher Planning</i>				
8:45 - 9:00	<i>Student Preparation (Organize materials for the day, log into Canvas, Zoom)</i>				
9:00-10:00	Period 1	Period 2	<i>Professional Learning</i>	Period 1	Period 2
10:00-10:15	<i>Break</i>				
10:15-11:15	Period 3	Period 4	Virtual Check In Pd 1: 10:05 - 10:25 Pd 2: 10:30 - 10:50 Pd 3: 10:55 - 11:15	Period 3	Period 4
11:15-12:30	<i>Lunch and Wellness Break</i>				
12:30-1:30	Period 5	Period 6	Virtual Check-In Pd 4: 12:30 - 12:50 Pd 5: 12:55 - 1:15 Pd 6: 1:20 - 1:40 Pd 7: 1:45 - 2:05 Pd 8: 2:10 - 2:30	Period 5	Period 6
1:30-1:40	<i>Break</i>				
1:40 - 2:40	Period 7	Period 8 (Student Advisory)		Period 7	Period 8 (Student Advisory)
2:40 - 2:45	<i>Break</i>				
2:45 - 3:15	Focused Student Intervention	Teacher Collaborative Planning	Case Mangmt/ Collab Problem Solving/Dept Mtg	Focused Student Intervention	Teacher Collaborative Planning
3:15 - 3:30	<i>Student Closure (Organize assignments and plan for self-paced work.)</i>				

MATH

On behalf of the entire mathematics department at Pyle, I am happy to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your children can achieve their highest potential. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. All of the math teachers at Pyle consistently use MYMCPS classroom as a lifeline to ensure successful communication among our families. Please take time to make sure your parent account is up to date. It is very important that you have an email associated with your parent account, so teachers can effectively communicate with you and your student.

Math is not only an important school subject, but a particularly important life skill. Pyle was one of 21 county middle schools rolling out the new Learn Zillion/Illustrative Mathematics curriculum for Math 6, Math 7 and Math 8 courses last year. This year we will be rolling out the new Learn Zillion/Illustrative Mathematics curriculum for Algebra 1. All of our Learn Zillion/Illustrative Mathematics courses are problem based curriculums. In a problem-based curriculum, students work on carefully crafted and sequenced mathematics problems during most of the instructional time. The three tenets of Illustrative Mathematics are conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and application. These three aspects of mathematical proficiency are interconnected. The resources provided will support both the academic and the social-emotional learning needs of your child.

All of our math teachers have been busy this summer attending professional development training to develop distance teaching and learning. We learned more about MYMCPS Classroom, NearPod, Peardeck, Screencastify, Desmos and so much more! These online platforms will help our teachers cultivate mathematical learning in students within a digital environment. Teachers will use these resources and many others to help students understand the learning objectives and guide discussions to be sure that the mathematical takeaways are clear to all of our students. The ultimate purpose is to impact student learning and achievement. In all of our math courses we will continue to focus on providing a consistent structure that will encompass essential components to a digital live learning block such as community building activities, warm ups, engaging class activities, guided and independent lesson synthesis, and summarizing cool downs.

We are very excited to offer these learning tools and resources to your children. As always, thank you for your support.



LITERACY

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! The entire literacy department looks forward to working with our students and parents this year. We hope your summer was safe and healthy and that you had some opportunities to read some great books. The middle school English curriculum provides students with opportunities to read a variety of texts and engage in a variety of writing including narrative, analysis, and argument pieces. In addition, students have opportunities to practice collaborative learning and oral speaking. Our teaching is focused on skills that support The Common Core Standards and help prepare our students to be a 21st century learner. And YES we will continue all this work in our virtual world!

Remember, summer reading work is due to English teachers during the first week of school. Use the school website to access your grade level summer reading expectations. Click on the “Summer Studies” tab and find the hyperlinked appropriate grade level letter. We hope you enjoy your last days of summer, and we look forward to working with you to make the 2020-2021 school year a success!





DRAMA AND 6TH GRADE CHORAL MUSIC

Mrs. Cox is excited to begin the school year with the Drama students as well as 6th grade this year! She is currently working to modify the units to work well in the remote environment and collaborating with Mr. Tilkens on the choral curriculum. Be ready to move in our classes. You will be up and out of your seat so prepare your space for this. Email for Mrs. Cox is Kathy_L_Cox@mcpsmd.org

Other things to consider for Drama Students:

Creativity is KEY!! Mrs. Cox loves to see the creativity the students can use to be flexible and adjust. This is an important part of theater, we must make adjustments for every show so this is common. Be ready to open your mind and enjoy showing how you can tackle any challenge that might come our way.

All Classes: Are you able to print scripts? Considering short scripts- 1-3 pages at first. There will be accommodations for longer scripts such as reading directly from your computer, a phone, or just writing or printing your own personal lines.

All Drama Classes: Costumes will be used but from your own home, with consideration for what you may not have available.

7th grade- we will have a puppetry unit near the end of the 1st quarter. If you will be in need of a puppet, it can be provided by the school. You can also make one at home with a sock or simple materials.

Advanced Theater- consideration for making a mask is being researched, perhaps using a kit. If you have ideas or want to research this, let Mrs. Cox know.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH EDUCATION: 2020-21

The PE and Health teachers are very eager to begin another wonderful school year filled with various opportunities to engage in PE and Health. For three quarters of the year students take part in Physical Education and one quarter Health. Our vision is for all students to become physically literate and health literate citizens who demonstrate behaviors that value lifelong physical, social and psychological well-being.

2020 has brought us new and interesting ways to teach PE through the virtual world. Sometimes PE can be a challenge with virtual learning, but there's so much to explore online. We will continue to merge PE and Health through the 2020/2021 school year. Virtual distance learning has allowed us to see our students in a different light. We are able to see the "academic" side of our students, as well as the artistic expression of others. Students are given freedom to complete activities through different venues. We encourage our students to engage to their comfort level and present their results or assignments in different ways. Last year we received videos, drawings, writings and verbal explanations on how our Pyle students were staying fit.

We were able to engage students weekly with HIIT (High intensity Interval Training) workouts. Some students continued to engage the whole summer as well with weekly workouts with some of their teachers. Additionally, we will offer virtual field trips, track personal fitness/wellness, learn about various concepts and skills and guide students to take ownership of their continued journey during this time. We loved offering and will continue a Mindfulness activity during the week. The mental health of our students is a priority for us during this pandemic.

We have a great staff in our Health and PE department, there's 10 of us! That's a lot of support for our students. We will continue to require accountability of our students; our class zooms and assignments will be a great way to assess our students' mental, physical and social health.

Check out our PE/Health Instagram **@pylepantherspe** for information and to meet the teachers.

2020-2021

FREE AND REDUCED MEALS UPDATES

ONLINE APPLICATIONS are the fastest and safest way to apply for FARMS. Households are encouraged to apply online at www.MySchoolApps.com. The online application and instructions are available in the seven official MCPS languages through the online application.

A small supply of paper FARMS applications in English and Spanish will be delivered to all schools the week of August 24, 2020. Paper applications should only be distributed to parents/guardians who request a paper application! The online application should be encouraged as the primary method to apply for FARMS this year due to virtual learning/Covid-19 safety.

Only the updated 2020-2021 application will be accepted for processing. Please immediately destroy and applications at your school that are from previous years.

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(Translations Available)

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