

October 13, 2020

Hello Parents,

We have missed you and your children! I know this has been hard on everyone, however, on **October 19/20** (Depending on your child's group assignment) your child will be returning to school for in person instruction two days a week.

Important Information for Return, Please Review

Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16: All teachers will be meeting with students for approximately 30 minutes live. The remaining time students should be working and learning asynchronously. Teachers will be planning and setting up their rooms eagerly awaiting your student's arrival.

Daily School Schedule

Hours: 8:25- 2:50 (There will be no early out dismissal)

Group A: Monday/Wednesday

Group B: Tuesday/Thursday

Friday: All students will be on Distance Learning.

On the days your child is at home completing work, the teacher will check in via the computer at 8:40 for approximately 10-15 minutes. During their time at home they will complete asynchronous work including but not limited to: Acellus, work mats, reading, writing, Google Classroom activities, or other assigned work by the teacher.

Distance Learning

If you have chosen the Distance Learning option your child will be reassigned to an alternate teacher. Please note that your current teacher is unable to sit in front of a computer to teach students who are at home while trying to teach students in the classroom.

You will be notified by your new teacher by Friday, October 16.

Your Distance Learning teacher will be checking in with your child on a daily basis on the computer. Please watch for an email to join the new teacher's Google Classroom/Meet. Your child will be completing asynchronous activities in Acellus or they may also choose to read, write, or complete other learning activities the teacher discusses with your child. Please note that your child should be completing daily work based on the assigned time for each grade level:

TK/K=3 hours

1st-3rd=3 hours and 50 minutes

4th/5th=4 hours.

Returning Students Safety Wellness Checks

Before Coming to School Each Day: All parents need to complete the wellness check for each child. (See Below) The best way for us to keep everyone healthy is to keep a student home if she/he is not feeling well.

Teachers will also complete touchless thermometer checks and ask the quick wellness questions as students enter the class. Should a student come to school sick, or feel ill during the day, our health aide, Carina Ellis will notify parents to pick their child up by the district office, where we have set up a room for students who are feeling ill.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Please do not arrive before 8:10 as we will not have supervision for students and we can not have students wandering the campus.

We have created various drop off/pick up areas to provide students the quickest route to their classroom and to minimize traffic flow. **(See below for the map)** Parents will drop off from their car. **(Parents will not be allowed to walk their students to class)** Once on campus, staff will be available to direct students safely to their lines. Orange markers outside of each class will show students where to wait for their teacher, allowing for social distance.

I apologize if you have to go to more than one drop off, as scheduling has been a bit difficult.
If your child walks or rides a bicycle, they will need to enter through their assigned gate area.

All drop off/pick up areas will be supervised by staff. Your child's assigned area is:

Bus Drop Off: Students go directly to their class line **(IF 2nd/3rd: enter through cafe, go down your hall to the playground and go to your class line)**

Car/Bike/Walkers: Arrival at 8:10: Go directly to class line

(#1 on Map) Front Circle: TK/K: O'Shea, K: Hardesty, 4th Grade: Halley (Doors nearest health office)

(#2 on Map) HS Parking Lot: K: Buttittia, Statton, 1st Grade: Del Carlo, King, and Matthews

(#3 on Map) Garden Parking Lot: 4th: Lamb, 5th: McCutcheon

(#4 on Map) Durham Dayton: 2nd: Vlahos, Leonard, Brown, 3rd: Mullins, Smith, and Pimenti

(#5 on Map) Durham Dayton Portables (Back of School): 4th/5th: Coffee, Martin, and Masuda

Breakfast

Individually bagged free breakfast will be available in the classroom for any student that wishes to have one.

Water Bottles

Water bottles may not be brought from home. Water bottles will be provided for all students from the district. A water bottle may be used only at lunch from a lunch box and then returned to the lunch box.

Lunch

Free lunch is available daily from the cafeteria or students may bring their lunch to school. A schedule has been designed to allow students time to eat and time to play, staying within their classroom group. On the days you are at home on Distance Learning, your child can come to the school to pick up lunch in the front circle near the cafeteria doors from 11:15-12:15. When a child finishes their lunch, any lunch boxes will be placed on a spot in line to minimize contact with other students.

Recess

Students will go to recess each day. The students will be assigned to a large area to play. It includes both grass area and cement area. Mr. Glover has been hard at work to design activities that will keep our students active and still social distance. The playground and other equipment is not currently available for use. Wearing a mask at recess is optional, but strongly recommended. When the mask is not in use we will provide a paper bag for all students to store their mask. We suggest a lanyard type clip to allow a student to put their mask on and off easily.

Materials or Other Objects From Home

Please have your child bring a backpack daily. *Inside the backpack should be a Chromebook, the charging cord, binder, and any other school related materials the teacher asks students to bring.* Lunch boxes will be kept in the backpack until lunch and then returned following eating. There should be no other objects brought from home. Unfortunately, there will be no sharing days or homework book bags to minimize contact. Library books are available to check out using the online process. Mrs. Walters will deliver the books and then upon collecting them ensure she follows the guidelines prior to redistribution.

Durham Unified School District
Daily Home Screening for Students

***Parents:** Please complete this short check each morning **prior** to your child leaving for school. **IF** your child is experiencing symptoms, please keep them home and call the school to report your findings.*

Section 1: Symptoms

Please keep your child at home if your child has **ANY** of the following symptoms which may indicate a possible illness that could decrease your student's ability to learn as well as putting them at risk for spreading illness to others.

_____ Temperature of 100.4 or higher when taken by mouth.

_____ Sore Throat

_____ New cough that causes difficulty breathing (If your child has allergies or asthma and usually coughs, this would be a change in their cough).

_____ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain

_____ New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Section 2: Close Contact Potential Exposure

_____ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19.

_____ Traveled to or lived in an area where the local or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Locations

