

FIELD STREET SCHOOL



Ms. Mary Kwiatkowski
Principal

August 21, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Whether you are a parent or guardian of a returning student, a new district resident, or coming to us from Lafayette-Pershing School, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your child to the 2020-2021 school year. As we begin this year, we will be presented with many challenges - challenges that we have never encountered before. Please know that the entire school community is committed to providing your student with the safest and best possible learning environment.

Attached you will find calendars for the school year as well as start times, and parent drop-off and pick-up information. Additionally, the following information will prove helpful to you as we begin the new school year.

Important Dates

- School opens on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and is a full day session with school ending at 3:10 p.m. Cohort 1 (A-L) will report to school on September 8, 2020 and Cohort 2 (M-Z) will be virtual beginning on September 8, 2020. Please review the Cohort Schedule for detailed information.
- All virtual learners will begin on September 8, 2020.
- Classroom assignments will be included in a mailing on August 28, 2020.
- Virtual Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Breakfast in the Classroom program will begin on Monday, September 14, 2020. Please review the enclosed information and indicate whether or not you would like your child to participate in the program.
- PLEASE NOTE the School Age Child Care Program (SACC) WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Transportation & Student Drop Off and Pick Up

- Parent drop off and pick up is in the front of the building. ALL PARENTS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TO ALLOW FOR PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING. Parents will be provided with a hanging tag for their rear view mirror that will be displayed in their vehicle to assist in pick up of students.
- A reminder that even if your child was parent pick up during the previous school year, your child will be sent home on the school bus if they are issued a bus pass UNLESS the school receives a note indicating your child will be parent pick up.

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- Please note that as we get to know our new students in 1st grade and our newly enrolled students, we will REQUIRE that ALL parents/guardians have their ID with them so that we can ensure that children are being released to the proper adults. Staff will ask to see proper id before students are released. Although it may take some time to get to know everyone, we must check ID to make Field Street the safest environment for your child. Please be patient with us !!!
- As you can imagine, the first few days of school are a bit hectic. Field Street students board 13 different school buses at the end of the day. As a result, buses may run a few minutes late during the first few weeks of school as staff must check EVERY student's bus pass before they load the school bus to ensure they are delivered to their homes safely. We thank you in advance for your patience.
- Please make sure that your child wears their bus pass or has their bus pass attached to their backpack on a daily basis. Students will be provided with an identification holder on their first day of school that will allow staff to affix student bus passes to their backpack. The bus pass will identify the proper bus for the student and will also identify their cohort for the school year.
- Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. will be considered late and must be signed in to the building by a parent/guardian.

Miscellaneous Information

- Field Street and the Penns Grove Carneys Point School District utilize the "Connect-Ed" telephone system to contact parents with important information and announcements on a daily basis. Therefore, phone numbers must be updated regularly. Additionally, email addresses must also be updated as messages can be sent via Connect-Ed as well. Please ensure that your contact information is current to ensure you receive information from the school.
- On the first few days of school students will bring home important papers that you will need to review, and possibly sign and return. Please read and respond accordingly and return necessary items to your child's teacher promptly.
- The student handbook may be found on the district website, www.pgcpschools.org. Please review the student handbook as it will contain important information including upcoming events and district policies. If you are unable to view the handbook online, please contact the Main Office so that we may provide you with a copy. We ask that you pay particular attention to the attendance and lateness policies, as well as the student code of conduct.
- The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying of students, employees, visitors and volunteers. The HIB Specialist is Ms. Amy Lance, 856-299-0170 x. 6121; alance@pgcpschool.org; and the district HIB Coordinator is Ms. Charlyn Martin,

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856-299-6300 x. 5150; cmartin@pgcpschools.org. The specific policy and procedures are on the district website; www.pgcpschools.org.

On behalf of the Field Street School staff, I welcome you and your child to another successful school year. I encourage each and every parent to maintain healthy communication with the school. Feel free to contact my office should you have any questions or concerns.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Kwiatkowski
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