

Lafayette-Pershing School



*Mrs. Shasharaa Blackshear
Principal*

August 20, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year as your new principal Mrs. Shasharaa Blackshear. This school year may be different than other years because we are still in a pandemic because of COVID19. However, our goals remain the same; provide the best learning experience for our students with a focus on safety, learning and social and emotional development.

This letter will detail important information on arrival, dismissal, calendar and other important dates. Hopefully the following information will prove helpful to you as we begin the new school year.

Important Dates

- *Lafayette Pershing School opens on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, this is a full day for all students. Please review the attached cohort schedule for more information. Listed below are start times by grade level:*
 - ***Prek cohort 1 (A-L) a.m. 8:15-10:45***
 - ***Prek cohort 1(A-L) p.m.12:15-2:45***
 - ***Kindergarten cohort 1 (A-L) 8:30 2:45***
- ***Virtual instruction for cohort 2 (M-Z) and all virtual learning will begin on September 8, 2020.***
- *Classroom assignments will be included in a separate mailing on August 26, 2020.*
- *Virtual Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Information will be shared through Connect- Ed.*
- *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.***

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Transportation & Student arrival and Dismissal

- All students must wear a mask to school
- Prek a.m. parent drop off: No earlier than 8:00a.m. on the front side fenced-in area. .
- Prek a.m. parent pick up: 10:45 p.m on the front side fenced-in area.
- Prek p.m parent drop off: 12:10/pick up: 2:45 same location
- Kindergarten parent drop off: 8:15 a.m./pick up: 2:45 same location
- **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 to be placed on their rear view mirror that will be displayed in their vehicle to assist in pick up of students.
- Reminder, 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 received a note indicating your child will be parent pick up.
- **Please note, until we get familiar with our students and families we will REQUIRE ALL parents/guardians to have their ID with them. This will ensure our students are being released to the proper adults. Staff will ask to see proper ID before students are released. Although this may be deemed inconvenient to some, we must check ID to make Lafayette-Pershing the safest environment for your child. Thank you in advance for your patience!**
- As you can imagine, the first few days of school are a bit hectic. 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 sit in their assigned seat 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.
- Pre-K students arriving after 8:15 a.m. and Kindergarten students arriving after 8:30am will be considered late and must be signed in to the building by a parent/guardian.

Miscellaneous Information

- Parents visiting the main office will be allowed entry only in the front vestibule

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- *Lafayette-Pershing 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. Kelly Anne Hayden, 856-299-3230 x. 5109; kh@pgcpschool.org; and the district HIB Coordinator is Ms. Charlyn Martin, 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 Lafayette-Pershing 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,
Shasharaa Blackshear
Principal*