

Chesterbrook Parent Coffee Back to School Update

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Introductions

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*Parent Coffee will be recorded and shared





Agenda

- Focus and Commitment to our Students
- Overall Framework
- Weekly Schedule, Master Schedule Planning Samples
- Supplies
- Home Workspace Challenges
- Smooth Opening How Fall will be different from the Spring
- Class Placements
- Technology Updates

Focus and Commitment



- Remain committed to a strong virtual start
- Relationships and connections are vital
- Focus on social and emotional needs
- Partner with parents by being transparent and accessible
- Common schedule for entire grade level
- Aligned instruction across grade level
- Focus on digital citizenship
- Ensure teachers, students, parents and ALL are comfortable using technology
- 'All hands on deck' approach by all staff



- 5 days Virtual Instruction
- Live Virtual Instruction: Tuesday Friday
- Monday Small group intervention plus teacher planning time
- Increased live virtual instructional time synchronous and asynchronous for all content - including specialists
- Focus on Equity for All
- Essential standards have been modified to emphasize content and close any gaps
- Usage of common template with links for easy access for students' daily schedule



Teacher Start Date - August 14th Student Start Date - September 8th

Virtual start for all students with a plan to pivot to in-school face to face when the metrics support

Combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning 5 days a week

Teachers are EXCITED to see your child(ren) and build relationships with them!!

Weekly Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Morning Work Block Asynchronous and Synchronous Afternoon Teacher/Team Planning	 Bell Schedule 9AM - 3:30PM Students are full time learners with teacher-directed synchronous instruction 4 days a week Direct/synchronous instruction (whole group, small group, and individual), including synchronous specials Additional time for specialized instruction as needed (e.g., ESOL, SPED, AAP), intervention or teacher assigned asynchronous activities/online programs Schedule will include all subjects - Morning Meeting/SEL, Language Arts, mathematics, science, social studies, HPE, specials 				



Master Schedule Planning

Considerations as we plan for the school day to include:

Requirement for Full day of Instruction

Developmentally appropriate considerations for focus and abilities

- *Core focus before lunch, especially for K-2 whenever possible
- *K-2: Math/Language Arts AM, Science or Social Studies Afternoon
- *Small Group and Collaborative time for student work

Screentime

- *Screen Breaks and Brain breaks are important, just as they are at school
- *Focused schoolwork during school hours

Nightly Homework

- *No additional evening assignments, unless a student has not completed an expectation for completion during the school day.
- *Some work, especially in upper grades, such as a PBL or longer writing assignment, may require students to continue work completion, especially if they are diving deeper into their work.

Schedule Sample Schedules

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- Live Core Instruction
- Live Specials
- AAP students are in class cohort together
- AAP 4 and 6 will change teacher for math only
- Breaks Built into day
- Common Morning Meeting & Lunch Schoolwide
- Common Grade Level Daily Schedule
- Band and Strings PM

Sample K-2		Sample 3-6		
9 - 9:30	Morning Meeting	9 - 9:30	Morning Meeting	
9:30	Language Arts (60)	9:30	Math (60)	
10:30	Break	10:30	Social Studies/Science (45)	
10:45	Math (50)	11:15	Recess/Break	
			Small Group Support and Student Independent Work	
11:45	Break	11:30	Time	
12:00	Specials (30)	12:30	Lunch	
12:30	Lunch	1:00	Language Arts (60)	
1:00	Social Studies/Science (30)	1:45	Specials (30)	
1:30	Small Group Support and Student Independent Work Time	2:15	Asynchronous Work and Family Choice	
2:30	Asynchronous Work and Family Choice	3:15	Recess/Break	



Supplies

- Many of the supplies on the original list will be needed.
 - Wipes and Ziploc Bags can be used at home
 - Some other items will be used for face to face as some students return
- Additional Items for all Students
 - Dry Erase Board Double Sided (lined/unlined) with eraser
 - Headphones with mic
- Kindergarten hands on learning boxes
 - Math and Language Arts







Home Workspace Challenges

- Supplies available nearby (box you can keep handy)
- Calendar in FCPS Google to keep organized we are working on additional options for families
- Task list, written on paper, a large whiteboard or electronic tool such as Google Tasks
- Phones, iPads and other devices than their school work computer are out of the room
- Parental controls on devices or home network to help identify appropriate times for other approved socialization on devices.
- If students are working in bedrooms, remove devices in the evening so they can get proper rest. Nightly docking space.



Smooth Opening



- Class Placements Best possible groupings from end of school year
- Relationships are key Vital to build strong relationships in virtual settings
- Engagement teachers engaged in best practices utilizing current technology
- Preparations for Strong Academic Instruction
- Ongoing professional development with teachers
- Small breakout groups embedded within core classes and small group support sessions

Class Placement



- Teacher notification will be made available the week prior to start of school
- Teachers return in mid August, finalizing placements
- Notification through SIS 8/27 or letter received in mail prior that week
- Grade level classes will have same daily schedule and instruction will be aligned. This will support peers in different classes that want to collaborate through facetime or other means.
- Balanced groupings take a considerable amount of time we balance for many variables and making changes causes domino changes that can significantly imbalance a class.
- Pivot to a hybrid will create a need to shift some teacher assignments based on virtual and face to face changes. It was impossible to keep all virtual students together and create the best classes for our students.



How are we better prepared in Fall 2020 compared to the Spring?

Weekly Administrative Updates Continue as we plan to open this school year.

- New Technology Help Desk for Parents and Students
- Students will receive explicit instruction from teachers on use of tools and communication.
- Variety of tools to support critical and creative thinking
- Weekly grade level communication
- Google Calendar, Classroom, and Google Documents to structure information and assignments
- Virtual Classroom Platform Options

Technology Updates



- Laptop distribution will be available for ALL students who need a computer. Each child should have their own computer.
- Collection of FCPS computers distributed in Spring Week of Aug 10
- FCPS laptop distribution- late August
- New Online Software for Students from FCPS
 - Imagine Learning (new LA)
 - ST Math (new Math online asynchronous practice)

At this time, Dreambox and Lexia will not a purchase that we make for Chesterbrook based on the FCPS countywide curriculum and programs that will support student instruction and independent practice.

Organizational & Communication tools



Gradeevel Information and Resources



Google Docs



Gradevel Assignments & Feedback



Google Classroom



Gradeevel Events and Due dates



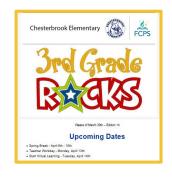
Google Calendar



Gradeevel Home Communications



FCPS News You Choose



Technology tools to support learning*





FCPS Learning Model



Return to School Curriculum

Learne Centered **Environment**









Google Classroom

BBCU

Google Meet

Pear Deck

Concept-**Based** Curriculum









BrainPOP

Pioneer Valley Books

Meaningful Learning **Experiences**





G Suite for Education









Flipgrid

Purposeful Assessment









*A selection of our learning tools; this list is not exhaustive.



