



Some Notes from the Office- August 12, 2020

Dear School Families,

School is very fast-approaching and the efforts continue to prepare classes for a different first day. Unfortunately, the usual fanfare will be absent. The enthusiastic and loud welcome provided by our eighth graders, as well as our Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo will have to wait until next year, but I think the same excited and eager spirit will be obvious in our students, as they finally return to school. Our amazing staff has continued the extraordinary efforts exhibited from March through the end of last school year. Though on summer break, they have discussed webinars they have completed, work that is already prepared for the upcoming year, and new plans, as they once again adjust to a new model. The dexterity with which they shifted last year demonstrates that they are up to the challenges ahead. A number of staff has already returned to the building, setting up classrooms according to DESE guidelines, moving books, equipment, setting up spaces for learners, and it's beginning to feel a bit more like normal, hearing their voices in the building!

All teachers and assistants will meet virtually tomorrow for some early planning, and then gather next week for training related to the technology for remote learning. The following week they will come together for three days of training, focused on health and safety guidelines, new procedures for inside the building and classes, lunch, recess, dismissal, and other aspects of school life impacted by the coronavirus. In addition, we will spend one day focused on the implementation of remote learning for each classroom.

Here is a link for a Zoom meeting for Monday evening at 5:30 pm. I know many of you had questions which I will do my best to address. If anyone has additional questions, please email them to me- as Mrs. Shaw is trying to enjoy a few days of vacation!

Topic: Re-Opening Meeting

Time: Aug 17, 2020 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78164480561?pwd=eGNDV0dOUgt0THl0c1k3bFBUOVdNUT09>

Meeting ID: 781 6448 0561

Passcode: m8P7f5

Looking forward to seeing many in attendance on Monday. We're preparing to see everyone soon- in slightly less than three weeks! God bless, stay safe, may August bring many blessings!

Anne Dailey, Principal