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## **Welcome Back August 2020 Virtual Learning**

I am writing this letter to share some important information about the upcoming school year.

### **First Days of School**

The first day of school will be **September 2, 2020** for students in Grades K through 8.

### **Room Assignments**

Students will be notified of their new room assignments by their teacher via email or Class DOJO. The link to sign up for Class DOJO is <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=5100913ad726433951000777>

### **Kindergarten Information**

Conferences will begin **September 2, 2020 to September 8, 2020 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM**.

Teachers will call to arrange the date and time the week prior to conferences. Kindergarten students' first day will be September 2, 2020. During the first week, the students will attend virtually from 1:15 PM to 3:00 PM. You will be notified by your child's teacher how to log in.

We are all very excited to welcome our new Kindergarteners!

### **School Day**

**Grades K-6:** School will begin at 8:21 AM for grades K through 6. School will be in session from 8:21 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

**Grades 7-8:** School will begin at 8:00 AM for grades 7 and 8. School will be in session from 8:00 AM to 2:39 PM daily.

**Grades K-8 Friday Schedule-** On Fridays from 9/4/20 through 10/30/20, school will begin at 8:21 AM and end at 11:15 AM so that teachers can participate in professional development. Students will be provided assignments to be completed off-line from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

### **Attendance During 100% Digital Learning:**

The following guidance for attendance during 100% digital learning will be implemented when students are NOT daily entering school buildings and, instead, receiving all digital instruction. Attendance will be:

1. Taken for each attendance bearing period for which the student is scheduled.
2. Recorded for all periods and for all students by the end of each school the day.
3. If a student attends fewer than all their classes each day and the student's parent or guardian has not provided a written excuse for the absence, the student will be considered cutting class.

### **STUDENTS:**

Students are expected to:

1. Attend school daily.
2. Be prepared each day.
3. Be ready to learn and engage in instruction.
4. Complete assignments on time each day for each class.
5. Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct at all times while engaged in digital learning.
6. Abide by all internet policies and procedures.
7. Submit their work assignments for each day, by a pre-established deadline for completion of that work as communicated by the teacher.

### **PARENTS:**

Parents are expected to:

1. Have their children ready to engage every day in digital learning.
2. Support their children in logging into the system, if necessary
3. Assist with contacting support from teachers if their child is struggling.
4. Contact the teacher each time their child is unable to attend school on any day and provide the reason.
5. Share with the teacher or school-based staff any barriers to their child's continuous attendance that could impact the student's educational achievement.

### **Summer Assignments and Supply Lists**

The teachers for each grade except Kindergarten have provided Summer assignments that include both reading and math assignments and supply lists. These have been posted on the Decatur website since the week of June 15th. For your convenience, electronic copies are available on the Decatur School Website at: [www.philasd.org/schools/decatgur](http://www.philasd.org/schools/decatgur).

### **Chromebook Distribution**

**Kindergarten-** Incoming Kindergarten students will be notified when Chromebooks are available to be picked up.

**Students in Grades 1-8-** If you did not receive a Chromebook during the March distribution you may go a SDP **Chromebook Distribution Center** located at the Fitzpatrick Annex or 440 North Broad Street Monday - Friday, 9AM - 2PM.

**Back to School Nights!**

As we look toward the upcoming school year, please save the dates!

**Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 for Grades 5 thru 8** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and

**Wednesday, September 16th, 2019 for Grades K thru 4** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We miss you all and can't wait to see you again!

**Genevieve O' Kane Principal**