



STEPHEN DECATUR ELEMENTARY

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Dear Decatur Parents,

The start of school is right around the corner! While school may look a little different to start the year, our teachers, support staff, and administration have been hard at work to ensure your child will receive the best virtual instructional program possible!

I know there are plenty of questions surrounding the first day of online instruction, so I wanted to take a moment to review some information, and provide a few helpful links to support you on the first day!

First Day of School – Wednesday September 2, 2020

Grades 1-6 attend school 8:21 AM – 3:00 PM

Grades 7 -8 attend school 8:00 AM- 2:39 PM

Kindergarten Interviews- Begin Wednesday, September 2, 2020 8:30 AM-12:30 PM followed by instruction 1:15 PM-3:00 PM

We are excited to welcome everyone back to our school this Wednesday, September 2, 2020! While all instruction will occur virtually, your child will experience a very different instructional program when compared to the spring. Your child's teachers will be sharing their course schedule during the first day, which will include a dedicated lunch period and an expressive arts class, just like if we were in our actual school building.

Technology Access

Many students have received a Chromebook from the spring, and you can continue using that unit! If you are new to Decatur and need a Chromebook, please visit one of the School District of Philadelphia tech centers listed below. The closest tech center to Decatur is Fitzpatrick Elementary School Annex. Each center is open from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

- Education Center, Philadelphia School District 440 N. Broad Street, 1st Floor Lobby, Philadelphia, PA 19130
- **Fitzpatrick Annex Building (rear of Fitzpatrick Elementary School) 4101 Chalfont Drive, Philadelphia PA 19154**

- Martin Luther King High School 6100 Stenton Avenue; Philadelphia, PA 19138

Kindergarten Chromebook Distribution

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9AM- Newly enrolled Kindergarten students may come to Decatur at 9AM to secure a Chromebook along with additional material. Please have ID available. You will be asked to sign for the Chromebook.

First Day Support!

Please check out the link below for a video walkthrough as to how to log into virtual school on the first day! (These videos were shared from another SDP school).

[Step by Step Directions for Logging In](https://mayfair.philasd.org/google-classroom-sign-in-steppers/) at <https://mayfair.philasd.org/google-classroom-sign-in-steppers/>

(These directions were provided by another SDP school)

District Technical Support Steppers

Below, I have linked to a folder of resources provided by the district to support families as they navigate online learning. Have a question? You may be able to find it here.

[District Technology Step-by-Step Directions at https://sites.google.com/philasd.org/digitaltools](https://sites.google.com/philasd.org/digitaltools)

Password Assistance

In grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, you will simply log in with the password you used last year.

Grade 6 students will log in with your password from last year, then will be immediately prompted to change your password. **WRITE THIS DOWN!**

If you are having issues still, contact your child's teacher as a first step.

Material Distribution

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Student workbooks for the 2020-2021 school year will be distributed from Decatur as follows:

Kindergarten 9AM

Grades 1 and 2 10AM

Grades 3 and 4 11AM

Grades 5 and 6 12PM

Grades 7 and 8 1PM

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Report to the front doors at the designated grade time.
2. Wear a mask at all times and socially distance.
3. Bring a bag to carry the material.
4. Provide the grade and either room number or teacher name when called to the doors.

Back to School Night

As in years past, we will host two back to school nights for all Decatur students. Here you will be able to hear from and meet the school administration, counselors, staff, and your child's specific teachers. These sessions will be virtual. Digital links will be provided as the dates approach.

Grades 5-8: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Grades K-4 Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 6:30 PM

As always, we appreciate your support. We are all excited to welcome everyone back to school, and cannot wait to engage with you and your child beginning next Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our school team as questions come up. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Endy-O'Kane