

MIDDLEBOROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Welcome, Mariners! For the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year, BCPS will implement 100% virtual learning due to the impact of COVID-19. The safety of students, staff, and our community as a whole is paramount. We hope all of our students and families are well during this time.

Virtual learning and instruction for students will begin on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020** and will occur for the duration of the first semester through January 29, 2021. Structured daily schedules have been developed and are attached to this letter for each grade level, Kindergarten through grade 5. Our bell schedule will be from 8:45 am – 3:45 pm. Students will follow the attached teaching and learning schedules every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesdays, students may engage in small group instructional check-ins, and have more time allotted to complete independent tasks and practice activities. If your child is starting Pre-Kindergarten, more information will be coming soon regarding their virtual learning plan.

Students in K - 5th grades will learn in whole and small groups, both through online, live (synchronous) instruction with their teacher(s) by using Google Meets and offline or pre-recorded (asynchronous) tasks or instruction such as independent practice, classwork, and activities provided on BCPS One through Schoology and Digital Content Tools. Students will also receive virtual Special Area instruction by participating in a rotational schedule of Art, Vocal Music, Physical Education, and Library. Students in Grades 4 and 5 may also partake in Instrumental Music. All teachers will follow a set, daily schedule to provide both whole and small group instruction as well as social emotional learning support and individual check-ins to students throughout the day. Teachers will have office hours in which students and parents can reach them by email, phone, or online conference.

Google Meets

In order for students to access live instruction and learn virtually each day, they will need to join Google Meets with their teacher(s) at scheduled times for each content area, as listed on the attached schedule. Students must be signed into Google with their BCPS credentials in order to access the live instruction. To join a Google Meets classroom, students will go to <https://meet.google.com/> click "Join a Meeting", and then enter their teacher's "nickname". All Middleborough Elementary Google Meets nicknames will follow the same structure: teacher last name, grade, MES. Please see below to find your child(ren)'s Google Meets nickname to join each day.

Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
BenjaminKMES	Beck1MES	Leary2MES	Berwanger3MES	McDermott4MES	Tinker5MES
CrumKMES	Jones1MES	Patek2MES	Currens3MES	Winnicki4MES	Yoos5MES
EicholtzKMES	Neff1MES	Watson2MES			
Pre-K	Art	Vocal Music	Phys. Ed.	Instrumental	Library
HoerrMES	GreerMES	RiekMES	CostelloMES	FishmanMES	FerranteMES

BCPS One & Schoology

Students will also need to access BCPS One and Schoology in order to receive and complete assignments, curriculum material, and participate in asynchronous (not live) discussions with their classmates and teachers. Students should go to <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/> and log in with their username and password. Once in BCPS One, they can click on the Schoology tab, and go into their teacher's courses to access resources. Also, in BCPS One, students can click on the Digital Content and Instructional Tools tabs to access more virtual resources. If your child(ren) need their username and password, please let their teacher know. Kindergarten students will receive their username and password during their gradual entry conference.

Attendance and Grading

Student attendance will be recorded daily, and we will resume grading and reporting procedures based on a body of evidence to determine the marking period grade for student work and assignments. It is important that students are present on Google Meets each instructional day, and that they put forth their best effort to complete and submit assignments to show what they know in relation to grade-level standards, as well as to receive meaningful feedback from teachers regarding their skills and development toward grade level standards.

Device Distribution and Internet Hot Spots

Chromebook distribution will continue in Grades K-12 for 1:1 student-to-device ratio. More information regarding how and when students will receive a device will be coming soon. Additional mobile hotspots will continue to be provided for students without home internet connectivity as well.

Meal Service

Grab-N-Go meals will continue to be provided by BCPS to students throughout the school week. Locations will be finalized prior to the start of the opening, and can be found at: https://www.bcps.org/system/coronavirus/Meal_Sites.pdf

School Supplies

Grade level lists of recommended supplies for virtual learning have been created by our school staff. We attempted to cover a wide range of items, from must-haves to optional. If you need assistance in purchasing these items, please contact our school counselor, Ms. Edwards cedwards@bcps.org

More information will be forthcoming soon regarding a distribution plan for families and students to pick-up school-supplied items such as workbooks, math tools, etc. in a safe manner.

BCPS Reopening Plan

We invite you to read more about the BCPS Reopening Plan by visiting: <https://www.bcps.org/reopen/pdf/Reopening-Plan.pdf>

We look forward to continuing on this virtual learning journey with our students, and as always appreciate your support of your child(ren)'s education. Please keep an eye and ear out for school-wide calls and more information to be forthcoming.

Wishing you well,

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