



August 18, 2020

Dear Suburban Park Parents:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It is indeed a pleasure to once again serve as the instructional leader at Suburban Park Elementary School. I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful and restful summer and are ready to begin another school year! We are continuing our quest for world class as we make educating our scholars a priority! I know you and your child(ren) are just as excited as we are about beginning the new year in yet a challenging but exciting virtual learning platform!

Our challenge as parents and educators will be to continue to provide children with quality educational opportunities in an environment that is stimulating, loving, caring, and cooperative. As members of the Suburban Park family, we remain committed to providing our scholars teaching opportunities that will enable them to maximize their learning potential. As a district and a school, we value **equity and excellence**, personal accountability and diversity. These values further support the vision of our district to remain the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community. This school year, we will capitalize on every opportunity to demonstrate excellence and dedication as we make **educating our scholars a priority**.

It is imperative that we continue to accomplish our goals and foster confidence in our scholars. We must work together to maintain a spirit that exemplifies our commitment to educational excellence so that our scholars may be successful. The keys to excellence and maintaining a quality school setting are concealed in the following: parent engagement, community participation, regular student attendance, and collaboration and cooperation between and among all stakeholders.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to work with the best scholars in the world! They are indeed in a place **“where children and learning are first”**. **So... join us as we “put all the pieces together” for what will be a most successful virtual educational journey. REMEMBER: No matter the weather, we are virtually all in this together!**

In the coming days, please visit our school’s webpage for information and updates on the following:

- *August 25, 2020 - Device and Supply Distribution Schedule
- ***September 2, 2020 – Virtual Administrators/Grade Levels/Parent Meet and Greet Sessions (Links to be shared)**
- *Mandatory Uniform Expectations
- *Grade Level Daily Instructional Schedules
- *Virtual Daily Classroom Expectations/Rules/Procedures
- *Classroom Teacher/Scholar Assignments
- *Parent Tutorials/”How To” Segments
- *Virtual Parent Chew and Chat Sessions
- *Virtual Parent-Scholar Handbook
- *District Academic Calendar
- *Other Pertinent Information

Please continue to provide your child’s teacher with the most current contact information, including email addresses and phone numbers. In addition, you may access the email address for your child’s teacher via the school’s webpage.

Please be informed that Meet and Greet Sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Administrators and each grade level have been scheduled for a forty-five (45) minute session with parents. An agenda will be provided at the time of the scheduled meetings. You will be introduced to the Administrative, Leadership, Resource and Classroom Teams. Other pertinent information will follow introductions, to include discussing the school's procedures and policies.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no district Parent Teacher Conference Day scheduled this school year; however, during the first quarter of virtual learning, we are planning to structure regular grade level chat sessions with parents. This platform will enable parents to ask questions, seek information and guidance, make suggestions and establish a wholesome relationship between home and school! Sessions may include the presence of administrators, teachers, Parent Liaison and other support staff.

AT A GLANCE - Beginning Dates to Remember:

● **September 8, 2020** - School opens for the 2020-2021 school year, **100% virtual platform**. **All scholars are to be in full uniform, worn each day, Monday through Friday! This requirement will alleviate transition once we return to the school building and will give scholars a real sense of being "in school". Your cooperation with this requirement is greatly appreciated.**

As you may know, breakfast and lunch are currently available for pick-up throughout the district at various school sites on designated days during the week. For your information, the district is now finalizing information on distributing/accessing breakfast and lunch once the school year begins. As soon as plans are finalized, we will share that information with you. Please be reminded that ALL scholars may eat breakfast, on a daily basis, free of charge.

- September 17, 2020 – Early Release Day
- October 15, 2020 – Early Release Day
- November 3, 2020 – NATIONAL ELECTION DAY – Virtual Teacher Day – No School for Scholars
- November 11, 2020 – Veterans Day – No School
- November 25, 2020 – Early Release Day
- November 26-27, 2020 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Brenda P. Shepherd
Principal

Cc: Mrs. Kathy Cannon