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Good evening parents/guardians,

This is a reminder we will have the Chromebook distribution beginning Thursday, September 3. Below is some information as we get ready for our school opening in the virtual format.

- The CANVAS Platform has been set up and is being finalized for online instruction. This program will afford times for teacher contact and student dialogue that will be provided in a schedule set up with each individual teacher.
- If a parent prefers their own device, they do not have to pick one up at school.
- Devices can be picked up on the following dates between 9am and 1:30pm: September 3, 8, and 9. You will need to go to each individual school if you have children in more than one school. In addition, please be reminded that grade 3 is now in Moore School.
- The distribution points will be at the main entrance at Moore School; Gym Entrance at Seabrook School; Cafeteria Entrance at Woodruff School.
- The traffic pattern will be similar to the pattern used in June for the Seabrook and Moore Schools using the entrance just past the normal daily drop off entrance. The entrance for Moore School and the drop-off entrance typically used will be closed. For Woodruff School the regular entrance will be used during this time and, if you have students in multiple schools, the bus lane will be available for use to go to other schools. There will be traffic monitors as there were in June to direct you to the respective schools and areas for distribution.
- Please be sure to pick up Chromebooks on the respective dates. If you cannot, for some reason, pick up the Chromebook on these dates, please contact the building principal. Also, if you need to have someone pick up the Chromebook for you, please provide a note indicating the approval given the responsibility and obligation you have for the device.
- Teacher availability and live interaction times will be posted on the individual teacher's home page of Canvas to provide information for communication.
- The virtual expectations for each class will be posted on the Canvas site of each teacher as this will track attendance and participation.
- The virtual school day schedule will be provided and will closely resemble the typical on-site daily schedule.
- Please remind your child(ren) that, while virtual, there is still the standard of respect in this platform during the live interaction as other students will be working in the classroom as would be done in the school classroom.
- We are in the process of obtaining information with regard to meals as we did during the Spring virtual format. An update with this information will be provided.
- Instructions for the Canvas Platform will be provided to assist and you can email your child(ren)'s teacher for additional support.

On another note, there is orientation for our Preschool 3 year old students on Wednesday, September 2 from 12:30pm to 1:15pm.

- Preschool 4 year old students will have orientation on Wednesday, September 2 from 1:45pm to 2:30pm.
- Kindergarten orientation will be on Thursday, September 3 from 1pm to 1:45pm.

Thank you for your efforts as we work together to continue to provide the best for our students during this time.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Peter L. Koza Ed. D.

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