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Good evening parents/guardians,

Based on the virtual day resembling a typical school day, below is some updated information as we get ready for our school opening in the virtual format.

- As another reminder, Chromebook distribution begins on Thursday, September 3
- 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.
- As the first two days of school during a typical time are mainly for orientation, distribution of schedules, procedures, and paperwork, the 8th and 9th will resemble this only in the virtual format.
- Students can check in on Canvas any time and all instructional information will be available for review to assist with checking for understanding, carrying the one, scientific notation, historical facts, verb usage, and other things to assist parents and students should questions arise.
- Students will be able to log on to Canvas once the classes are set up in Canvas which would be no later than September 8. It is possible to log in sooner and an invitation to join the class will be sent to the students' account that will be provided upon receipt of Chromebook or, emailed to you if you elect to use your own device.
- The daily schedule is listed below:
 - **8:45am-12:00pm Live Instructional Time with Teachers for grades 3 to 8**
 - **12:00pm to 12:45pm lunch**
 - **12:45pm to 2:40pm Independent Learning Time for Students/Special Area subjects:**
 - **PreK to -2nd Grade instructional model - There will be more flexibility given the age of these students and the curriculum programs that have specific requirements for students in this age group. However, the time period of 8:45am to 2:40pm will be the same as other grades, just with some added flexibility.**
- There will be a flexible day for teachers to be available for parent contact and that will be provided by the individual teacher. This will give parents an opportunity to have some dialogue with the teachers and will be posted on the individual teacher's home page of Canvas to provide information for communication.
- Canvas can be accessed at any time by students once they are in the system. Do not worry if your child logs in late or has an appointment or other circumstances that cause a delay since the information will be there and we will see the participation at some point. Also, there is a section for questions and teachers will respond to those questions within 24 hours.

Just another reminder for the pre-K and Kindergarten students, there is orientation for our Preschool 3-year old students on Wednesday, September 2 from 12:30pm to 1:15pm. These orientations will take place at the Seabrook School.

- 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 again for your support and stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

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