



## PENN-DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Parkside Elementary School

October 1, 2020

Dear Parkside Parents & Guardians,

Our MDS Program students will continue to attend on their scheduled days; it was a pleasure to meet our new friends this week! For all those who have enrolled in the Penn Delco Cyber program, your child will receive an email from their cyber teacher--K-2 tomorrow and 3-5 by the end of next week. Although they will be assigned a new teacher, their schedule should be similar to what they are doing now each day for school.

For all those returning in the Hybrid model, students in grades K – 2 will begin in person hybrid school on October 5 for Cohort A (Last name A-L) or on October 6 for Cohort B (Last name M-Z). Students in grades 3 – 5 will begin on October 12 for Cohort A (Last name A-L) or on October 13 for Cohort B (Last name M-Z).

Cohort A will meet on Mondays and Thursdays. Cohort B will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays. On at home days, students will live stream into their class from home for some live instruction. Students will also complete some independent work on those days. Wednesdays will be a day of live virtual instruction for the whole class in the morning. On all three at home days, attendance will still be taken at 8:50 am during the morning meeting.

Specials (Music, PE, Art, and Technology) will be presented to the students by those teachers in their regular classrooms to keep travel by students to a minimum while in the building. The special teachers will also create videos for students to view on at home learning days.

Please remember to return any “All About Me” or other paperwork that was sent home previously. Please also consider sending an extra clean mask in a plastic bag to school with your child in case they need to change the one they are wearing. We want to make sure that they are as comfortable as possible, and wearing a mask that is wet is not pleasant. We do have extra masks on hand, but a cloth mask is probably a more comfortable option. We also ask that you pack a pool/beach towel to be left at school—we will send it home to be washed as needed. It will be used to sit on in the event that class can be held outside.

There will be some supplies and materials that students will have to leave at home, some that will have to come to school and stay here, and some that will have to be brought back and forth. The teachers will be communicating those specifics with you via Schoology. Please know that we are aware of the fact that our friends are small and will do our absolute best to keep backpacks as manageable as possible.

Included in this packet is the process for arrival and dismissal and some information about lunch and recess.

## **Arrival**

**Grades 1-5 Arrival** - Students may begin arriving at 8:40 AM. Students who are car riders in grades 1-5 will be dropped off using the car line and they will be directed to enter the school through the main entrance doors. Traffic will be directed through the circle and staff will be on hand to guide students into the building. All grades 1-5 students will go directly to their classroom upon arrival to school. Teachers will be in their classrooms to greet the students. Students who arrive after 8:50 a.m. are considered late and must have a signed late note. If a student does not have a late note, the lateness will be considered unexcused.

**AM Kindergarten Arrival** - Students may begin arriving at 8:40 AM. Parents will park in the playground area lot and walk their child into the basketball court area. You will wait in a socially distanced line with masks on while an adult meets your child at the door and ushers them into the classroom where the Kindergarten teacher will greet them. No parents will be permitted to enter the school; if your child is nervous or emotional, we are ready and able to help them get settled and comfortable. We will call if there is a problem, I know it is tough to hand over your child, especially if they feel anxious. We ask that parents make goodbyes short and trust that we will take it from there!

**PM Kindergarten Arrival** – Students may begin arriving at 12:35 PM. Parents will park in the Playground area lot and walk their child up to the main entrance. You will wait in a socially distanced line with masks on while an adult meets your child at the door and ushers them into the school where they will be walked down to the Kindergarten room. No parents will be permitted to enter the school; if your child is nervous or emotional, we are ready and able to help them get settled and comfortable. We will call if there is a problem, I know it is tough to hand over your child, especially if they feel anxious. We ask that parents make goodbyes short and trust that we will take it from there!

## **Dismissal**

**AM Kindergarten Dismissal** – At 11:20 parents of AM Kindergarten students will park in the playground area lot and students will be dismissed to each parent at the main door in the front of the school. We ask that parents line up on the sidewalk, socially distanced with a mask, until you are reunited with your child.

**PM Kindergarten (ALL), Grade 1 & 2 (Walkers Only) Dismissal** – At 3:05 parents will park in the playground area lot and line up in the basketball court area. You will wait in a socially distanced line with masks on. Teachers will bring out a line of students by grade level. They will exit through the playground doors beginning at 3:10 for Kindergarten and 3:15 for 1 & 2. Please do not remove your child from line until a staff member releases them to you.

## **Grades 3-5 Walkers & 1-5 Car Riders PM Dismissal**

**Walkers:** Beginning around 3:18, students will be released by grade level—5<sup>th</sup> grade will be called first, followed by 4<sup>th</sup> grade, followed by third grade. If an upper grade child is to walk their Grade 1 or 2 sibling, a parent must send this request via email/Schoology message to both sibling's teachers.

**Grade 1-5 Car Riders: Parents will enter the driveway and circle area with their car rider number clearly displayed.** In order to stagger dismissal for social distancing, car riders will not be released until walkers are gone—at approximately 3:20, students will begin dismissing out the main doors by car number. Students will be walked out by a staff member and supervised getting into their car. This is the same process as last year for those familiar. **Please remain in a single car line, wait for the car in front of you to exit, please, do not try to drive around them.**

**Note: All students will receive 2 dismissal number cards on their first in-person day of school. On the first day, we will ask for your child's name at pick up. Numbers will be used moving forward at dismissal.**

### **Recess & Lunch**

Students will play outside during recess in organized classroom cohorts. They will have an assigned area to play. Masks are to be worn during recess. Students will go to the cafeteria to eat lunch where they will be seated 6 feet apart and facing the same direction. They will be able to get food from the lunch line or bring their lunch to school. Masks can be taken off while eating.

This is a lot of information to take in and we are prepared, ready, and excited to receive your students over the next 2 weeks. We have a lot of plans in place to keep the students safe and we are excited to get them back in the building. Please email Mrs. Young at [tyoung@pdsd.org](mailto:tyoung@pdsd.org) or call the main office at 610-497-6300 Ext. 6500 if you have questions. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together to get everyone back to school.

Sincerely,



Tara Young

Principal

Parkside Elementary

Helpful links:

[PDS D Health & Safety Information](#)

[Parkside Webpage](#)

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