Welcome to School Year 2021-2022

August 13, 2021

Dear Jenks Families,

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year with in-person learning five days a week. For new families, we know how to have fun and celebrate everyone while working hard academically and socially. This will have a different look given COVID-19 restrictions, and we cannot wait to get back to having all of the functions we have grown accustomed to having. In the meantime, we continue to push through, providing high-quality instruction with a strong focus on equity.

Many of your questions about school have been answered in this handbook, but here is a quick reference to some of them.

- **School starts** Tuesday, August 31. Kindergarten dismisses early the first 5 days of school at 11:50 AM, so parents may meet teachers in the afternoon for parent/student interviews to assess students. All other grades have full days.
- **Kindergarten students will learn who their new teacher is on August 23** when the teacher contacts parents for an interview to occur in the afternoon the week of August 31. The kindergarten school supply lists for rooms 14; 101; and 105 are the same.
- **No virtual classes will be available** with Jenks teachers. Philadelphia Virtual Academy is the only online option and is 100% asynchronous with no direct instruction from a teacher.
- **Uniforms** are School Board policy and will be required. They are a navy polo shirt and tan khaki bottoms. Sneakers or rubber-sole shoes are strongly suggested.
- **School supply lists** by grade are on our website.
- **School start times** have changed a bit. K: 8:15 AM (report at 8:10 AM); First: 8:15 AM; Second and Third: 8:17 AM; and Fourth and Fifth: 8:19 AM. Read the Section IV of this handbook for locations.
- **Dismissal times** have changed also. K and First: 2:50 PM; Second and Third: 2:52 PM; Fourth and Fifth: 2:54 PM. Read the Section IV of this handbook for locations.
- **Breakfast and lunch** are free and are served in school. You may also send lunch.
- **COVID-19 guidelines require masks** to be worn inside at all times except when eating. Everyone will maintain **social distance at 3-feet apart**, even at recess.
- **One gender neutral stall** will be assigned in one bathroom on each floor per District policy.
- **Visitors and volunteers are not allowed** in the building until further notice as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.
- **An Open House will be held Friday, August 20** at 9 AM in the kindergarten schoolyard. A virtual one will be Sunday, August 22 at 6 PM via Zoom at [www.tinyurl.com/PrincipalDouglas](http://www.tinyurl.com/PrincipalDouglas). Parents of all grades are welcome.
- **The September school calendar** is here for you to be aware of holidays when students do not have school early dismissals, celebrations, and to plan appointments on days off as attendance is extremely important.
• If you need to contact a staff member, such as nurse, counselor, etc., you may refer to this staff list. Please call the school's main number at 215-400-8240 for teachers. Teachers cannot accept phone calls during the school day while they are teaching.

Please read the handbook below, which details our expectations, policies, and procedures. This handbook is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions.

We look forward to partnering with you in the growth and development of your child(ren).

Sincerely,

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