

Principal: Blair Klco Student Support Coordinator: Torian Billings

### Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Dear Miller Families.

Teachers have been working hard preparing for our students' return on Tuesday, September 8. We are almost at the start of the year. Here are the mid-week messages for this fabulous Wednesday!

### • Device Distribution:

On Thursday, September 3rd chromebooks and IPads will be distributed following the <u>Chromebook/iPad Distribution Schedule</u>. Anyone who has not met these requirements 24 hours before the scheduled pickup time will not be able to take home a district device and will be asked to come to the next scheduled pickup day.

- Chromebooks/iPads will be distributed **Devices will be distributed at Miller on Thursday, 9/3/2020**, using the following schedule:
  - o A-G 8:00-9:30 a.m
  - o H-M 9:30-11:00 a.m
  - o N-S 12:00-1:30 ρ.m
  - o T-Z 1:30-3:00 ρ.m

District device distribution will take place outside of our school in the pick-up/drop-off loop. When you arrive please make sure that you have the following items ready to show staff.

- Your photo ID
- Your student's student ID number

#### Process:

- You will stay in your vehicle when you arrive and throughout the entire process.
- The process is expected to take a few minutes per family; with limited staffing and safety measures required, we regret that wait times might occasionally be long.
- If you are sick or not feeling well, please do not come. Let us know and we will work to ensure issuance for you during our next round.
- Please contact <u>chromebookhelp@pccsk12.com</u> with your student's name and student's ID # if you have any questions.

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- o For those who still needed a device, you can still get one. Just log into MISTAR Parent Portal and look for the red "Back to School Registration" link in the upper-right corner of the home screen and then follow the prompts. Parents can sign up for a student device in one of the modules. Students must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements identified in the Chromebook/iPad Take-Home Participation Agreement NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE their school's scheduled pickup time. Miller's make-up day is Friday, September 11. Students whose last names start with A-M pick up from 8:00 9:45 AM, and those whose last names start with N-Z pick up from 9:45 12:00 PM.
- 2019-20 Yearbook Distribution
  - Yearbooks will be distributed on Thursday as well during device distribution. Ms. Nolan will be located at the end of the arrival/dismissal loop from 8:00-3:30. If you are not picking up a school issued device you may come at any time to pick up your yearbook.
- Class Lists
  - As is the case every year, students and parents are eagerly waiting to find out who their child's teacher will be this year. Your wait is almost over.
    Your child's teacher, along with other important information about the start of the year, will be shared with you on Thursday, September 3rd at 5:00 ρ.m.
- Pre-Order Application for meal benefits

The program is open to all district students and will allow families to pre-order meals for pickup at distribution sites. The program will offer healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch meals and will comply with free and reduced meal programs.

Families experiencing economic hardship are encouraged to review the requirements for free and reduced meals. Families are also reminded that applications for the free and reduced meal program must be resubmitted

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yearly. The online application for free and reduced benefits is <a href="https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLY01">https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/PLY01</a>. Benefits expire on 10-21-2020 if not renewed.

• Many families have been inquiring about school supplies. I hope that you will find this <u>supply list</u> helpful as you prepare for the start of school. P-CCS will be providing basic supplies to each student. However, there is an optional list of supplies that you may wish to purchase for your child(ren).

#### • Clorox 360 Information

 Some parents have requested information on the "Clorox Total 360 for Healthier Schools" system the district uses. There is a link on the district website (under Maintenance, Grounds and Custodial) to an informative video that explains the sanitizing process. Here is the direct link: <a href="https://www.cloroxpro.com/resource-center/clorox-total-360-for-healthier-schools/#">https://www.cloroxpro.com/resource-center/clorox-total-360-for-healthier-schools/#</a>

#### eNotifications

- Make sure you are getting the latest information from your child(ren)'s school and from the district by signing up for eNotifications. This service is a way to stay in touch with Miller Elementary or any school within P-CCS whether you are in the Safe Start, Virtual Academy, or anywhere else for that matter.
- Signing up is fast and easy.
  - 1. Click on <u>THIS LINK</u> and follow the directions. Complete the fields with your e-mail address, first and last name. Then simply select the schools, programs or special areas from which you wish to receive information. That's it!
  - 2. If you received eNotifications in the past and wish to change your preferences, just click on this link Change eNotification Preferences and follow the instructions.

Again, I am looking forward to this historic year with you and your child. There is a lot for all of us to learn as we "do school" in a very different way. But as Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you'll never grow." I think this quote applies to all of us this year, but we got this!

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I hope you are having a wonderful week!

Sincerely, Blair Klco Return to School Hub