September 2020!

Although the desks at Kearny will be empty and the hallways will be quiet when school opens on September 2, 2020, we will be kicking off our school year with power and passion just as always. We are working to make sure that we are ready to welcome students to our virtual school year. This is a historical opening in that it has never happened before in this manner. Although we worked virtually since March, this is the first time that we have ever started the year leading an online education model. Our team is excited about seeing all of our scholars in just 12 short days. We need you to be our strongest partners in this work.

While the students are learning at home, we need all of our parents and caregivers to do a few important things.

1. Be sure to provide a space for your students to work where they will not be distracted or interrupted while they are in class online.

2. Be sure that the scholars are on time each day and prepared for class.

3. Be sure that the students complete all homework assignments and independent work that teachers assign.

4. Sign up for and participate in communication on Class DOJO.

5. MAKE SURE THAT STUDENTS ARE UP, PROPERLY DRESSED, AND PRESENT EACH DAY.

With your support we can make this historic experience meaningful, powerful, and impactful for our students.

ONLINE EXPECTATIONS!

When we are in school, it is our expectation that the student are in their school uniform each day. We also expect them to be present and on time everyday. Our team at Kearny is still expecting the same during our online school experience.

We are expecting the scholars to:
1. SIGN ON TO THEIR HOMEROOM CLASS AT 8:30 am EACH DAY.

2. DISPLAY COURTESY AND KINDNESS ONLINE

3. RESPECT THE ONLINE RULES AND ROUTINES

4. ATTEND ALL SESSIONS & BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

5. WEAR YOUR NAVY BLUE SCHOOL UNIFORM EACH DAY.

Information You Need To Know

Chrome Book Distribution

Parents if you have a student or students in grades 1-8 who need a laptop, you may pick one up at the School District of Philadelphia Administration Building at 440 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA. Students who are entering Kindergarten will get a laptop at our school when you get your school materials.

If you already received a laptop in the Spring, you are to keep that device. If your child's device is in need of repair, please take it to the repair center at 440 North Broad Street as well.

Some families have reported that their devices have been stolen. If you have a situation such as this, you will only be able to receive another machine if you have a police report and a DC# that can be provided at the distribution center. Each student who has a chrome book is logged into the main system with an identifying code that is connected to each computer.

Food Distribution

Each student will be able to receive breakfast and lunch from the school district each week. The meals will be distributed each week on Thursday for all who would like to receive them.

HOT SPOTS AND ONLINE CONNECTIVITY

If you are in need of a hot spot, you may inquire about getting one at the school district administration building at 440 N. Broad Street Phila. PA. There are also plans to provide assistance with Comcast and other providers. More information will be provided as I receive it.

2020-2021 Teaching Staff

Alicia Mole
Kindergarten

Joy Greenfield
Kindergarten

Cheryl Feldscher
Grade 1

Jill Bursack
Grade 1

Sandra Sabolchic
Grade 2

Lise Cheney
Grade 3

Brianna Dougherty
Grade 3

Amy Cavanaugh
Grade 4

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Grade 4

Michael Biddle
Grade 5

Stephano Giuliani
Grade 5

LaShawn Freeman
Grade 6

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7/8 ELA & Social Studies

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Grade 7/8 Mathematics & Science

Alyssa Angeloni
SPCM & 6-8 Learning Support

4-6 Learning Support

Kim Webb
1-3 Learning Support

Lattonia Robichaw
Emotional Support 3-5

Sarah Barner
Emotional Support K-2
The homeroom teachers will contact the parents to do the following:

1. Share log on information
2. Give you information on joining CLASS DOJO
3. Share our learning goals for each grade/classroom
4. Answer some of your questions
5. Provide you with our daily schedules

Distribution of Academic Materials

We will schedule specific days and times for students/families to pick up supplies and materials. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF YOUR SPECIFIC DAY AND TIME. We are trying to institute strict social distancing guidelines as we are still in the middle of a pandemic that is far from over. WE DO NOT WANT LARGE CROWDS GATHERING AT THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME. The day and time for distribution will be sent to you by text, voice message, and email. We will also post the schedule on our website.

Daily School Schedules & Important Documents

Grade/Classroom Schedules will be posted on our website along with the documents listed below. The documents that will also be available to view online include but are not limited to:

Welcome Back Letter
Student/Parent Handbook
Virtual Code of Conduct
Student Code of Conduct
Attendance Policy for our Online model and for our traditional Setting
Parent Compact
Parent Involvement Policy

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a Kindergarten or you know someone who has one who needs to be registered, please act as soon as possible or pass this information along. Please be sure that you look on the school district website to see what documents you need to complete registration.

Parents have the option to do the following:

1. Go the Student Placement Office on either Tuesday or Thursday to register your Kindergarten.

2. You may register online and upload the required documents.

3. You may call Kearny and make an appointment with Mrs. Mack to do a contactless drop-off. You must have all of the documents must be ready, organized, and placed in an envelope.