

Dear Families,

I hope you have been having a wonderful summer and I look forward to being able to work with you and your children in September. Welcome to our new families who have recently registered at Prospect Mill Elementary. This email communication is to help you stay informed as HCPS will provide 100% virtual learning in the Fall.

HCPS established an initiative to purchase and distribute a Chromebook to each elementary student (K-5) to access virtual learning (instruction provided by HCPS teachers/staff to students via a digital/online HCPS platform). Unfortunately, during the Board of Education meeting on Monday evening, Superintendent Bulson announced that approximately one-half of the 27,000 Chromebooks ordered for all HCPS elementary students will be delayed until approximately mid-October. Due to the shortage of Chromebooks currently being delivered to HCPS before school starts, we have been asked to develop a list of priority needs in order to distribute the devices as they are delivered. Laptops will be distributed to HCPS high school students as planned. Please take this into account as you answer these questions. **Please complete this survey by Tuesday, August 18, 2020 by 4:00 pm.**

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As you know, we have a very dedicated staff. In fact, many participated in a voluntary information sharing session this week and are very excited to begin the new school year. We have several new faces joining us this year and I will be sending an updated staff list when staff report back to their duties. The information below is a snapshot of what specifics will be shared in the future.

- Homeroom assignments will be available on August 28th. More information to follow in the next two weeks on accessing the information. Homerooms of students who attended PMES last year for the most part remained intact. Input from parents of children in the same grade level was considered and therefore some changes were made. It is our belief maintaining these homerooms will allow our students to concentrate on welcoming new pandas and working with a new teacher. Emotional needs are just as important as academic needs.
- Supply lists for virtual learning will be shared next week. On Monday, I will be participating in a meeting which will share the teacher tools being provided by HCPS.
- Distribution of student materials will take place during the window of September 1st-4th.
- Back to School Night will happen virtually in mid-September.
- Gradual Entrance for kindergarten and pre-k students will happen virtually. Expect to participate with 5-6 families at a specific time on the first day for each respect grade level.

Sincerely,
Karen Jankowiak
Proud Principal