

# ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Elmwood Park Elementary Families,

On behalf of the elementary district administration, we welcome you back for the 2020-2021 school year. We would like to welcome all of our new families and kindergarteners to the district, as well as our returning students. This will certainly be a unique school year with many exciting opportunities and challenges. The following letter outlines important information regarding your child's teacher assignment, our upcoming protocols and procedures, and building updates. Please carefully read the information below regarding the start of the school year.

**Attendance:**

Parents will visit their school's website and select "Click Here for Daily Attendance Link," using their child's student ID number. This will be completed daily by 8:45 a.m.

**Teacher Assignments:**

Student schedules are now available on the Parent Portal and will indicate your child's homeroom teacher. Kindergarten teacher assignments will be provided after screenings are complete, on Friday, September 11, 2020.

**Daily Schedules:**

Google Classroom will serve as the central meeting place for your child's daily learning. Links to assignments and live instruction via Google Meets etc. will be posted within their teacher's Google Classroom. At specified times provided by their teacher, your child will be required to log on to Google Meets to receive live instruction from the teaching staff. During the morning sessions from 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., students will be engaged in meaningful instruction in the areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). The synchronous instruction will consist of a rotating basis of mini lessons, guided practice, independent practice, peer conferring and small group instruction.

In the afternoons, students will either receive small group, strategy group, related service instruction, or can use that time to access the videos/activities posted from the special area classes. We understand that students in grades k-5 will need breaks from computer work, therefore we have built those into our sample schedule below. Each teacher will provide his/her own daily schedule to you in the coming weeks. However, this will allow you to prepare your child for instructional expectations:

| <b>Sample</b>    | <b>Monday</b>                                      | <b>Tuesday</b>                                     | <b>Wednesday</b>                                   | <b>Thursday</b>                                    | <b>Friday</b>                                      |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Location:</b> | <b>Virtual Day</b>                                 | <b>Virtual Day</b>                                 | <b>Virtual Day</b>                                 | <b>Virtual Day</b>                                 | <b>Virtual Day</b>                                 |
| 8:30 - 8:45      | Eat Breakfast                                      | Eat Breakfast                                      | Eat Breakfast                                      | Eat Breakfast                                      | Eat Breakfast                                      |
| 8:45 - 9:00      | Log in for Morning Meeting                         | Log in for Morning Meeting                         | Log in for Morning Meeting                         | Log in for Morning Meeting                         | Log in for Morning Meeting                         |
| 9:00 - 9:15      | Reading  | Reading  | Reading  | Reading  | Reading  |
| 9:15 - 9:30      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:30 - 9:45      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:45 - 10:00     | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       |
| 10:00 - 10:15    | Mathematics  | Mathematics  | Mathematics  | Mathematics  | Mathematics  |
| 10:15 - 10:30    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:30 - 10:45    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:45 - 11:00    | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       |
| 11:00 - 11:15    | Writing  | Writing  | Writing  | Writing  | Writing  |
| 11:15 - 11:30    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11:30 - 11:45    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11:45 - 12:00    | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       |
| 12:00 - 12:15    | Social Studies /<br>Science / Health /<br>Spelling | Social Studies /<br>Science / Health /<br>Spelling | Social Studies /<br>Science / Health /<br>Spelling | Social Studies /<br>Science / Health /<br>Spelling | Social Studies /<br>Science / Health /<br>Spelling |
| 12:15 - 12:30    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12:30 - 12:45    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12:45 - 1:00     | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       | <b>BREAK</b>                                       |
| 1:00 - 1:15      | Lunch  | Lunch  | Lunch  | Lunch  | Lunch  |
| 1:15 - 1:30      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:30 - 1:45      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:45 - 2:00      | Virtual Small<br>Group instruction                 | Virtual Small<br>Group instruction                 | Virtual Small<br>Group instruction                 | Virtual Small<br>Group instruction                 | Virtual Small<br>Group instruction                 |
| 2:00 - 2:15      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:15 - 2:30      | Special Area<br>Class Related<br>Services BSI      | Special Area<br>Class Related<br>Services BSI      | Special Area<br>Class Related<br>Services BSI      | Special Area<br>Class Related<br>Services BSI      | Special Area<br>Class Related<br>Services BSI      |
| 2:30 - 2:45      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:45 - 3:00      |  |  |  |  |  |

### **Material Pick Up:**

A week in September will be scheduled for families to report to their specific school to meet their teachers and pick up related student materials. Purchased student supply boxes will be sent home at this time as well.

### **Kindergarten:**

The kindergarten screening process will still take place during the first week of school, Tuesday, September 8th through Thursday, September 10th. As previously communicated, teacher assignments will be provided by Friday, September 11th. As a result, the **first day of virtual learning for all kindergarten students will be: Monday, September 14th, 2020.**

### **Supplies:**

Teacher supply lists are available on each school's website. Families are still encouraged to refer to the suggested supply lists.

### **Helpful Hints:**

It's important to establish a routine with your child. Review this sample schedule with him/her prior to the start of school. When possible, identify a "special" place for them to work, separate from play/rest. Give your child breaks, this is important! Breaks have been built into the daily schedule for a reason and are implemented during the traditional school day, we all need this!

While this may seem a bit overwhelming, please keep in mind that our intention is to keep you well informed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Please stay safe and enjoy the last week of summer.

Sincerely yours,

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