

Brooks Families,

We hope you've had a fantastic week! The Brooks staff is eagerly anticipating the return of Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students on cohort rotation A on Monday! Below you'll find pertinent information for the upcoming week.

**If you have a student in cohort rotation A that is returning to in-person instruction on Monday, October 26th, please read the reminders below:**

- Please read and review the district's Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols information and sign the acknowledgement form. Return this form with your student when they come to school. (more info about this below)
- All visitors/students must wear a mask on our campus. If your child forgets a mask, we will provide a disposable mask for them at the front door.
- All parents will drop students off outside the main entrance door. Parents are not permitted to enter the building for any reason. If you have business to conduct at the school, please let the person at the front door know and they'll get a staff member to come outside to assist you.
- Carpool patterns remain the same as in previous years. You can ONLY turn right into the parking lot from Rampart Drive.
- Students riding carpool in the morning need to remain in their car until they're screened by a staff member. Be patient, this process may take longer than usual.
- Walkers will stand on the "6 feet social distancing" dots at the main entrance and wait to be screened.
- If your student is a bus rider, please make sure to read and fill out the Bus Attestation form and return it electronically or print and sign a copy to give to your child to bring to school.
- When you return via carpool to pick your child up in the afternoon, please know it will take longer for them to get outside because they must dismiss from their classroom.
- During afternoon carpool, we will only allow 5 cars into the carpool loop at one time. Once those cars have loaded, the line of cars may leave. As a reminder, please don't drive around cars, as this is not safe.
- If you are coming to pick up a walker, please stand on the "6 feet social distancing" dots and wait to be greeted by a staff member. Have your number ready upon arrival.

### **Kindergarten Helpers**

During arrival for the next four weeks, Brooks staff will be on-hand in the main entrance as well as in the bus area to assist our new kindergarten students with getting to class.

### **Breakfast & Lunch**

As a reminder, all students are welcome to enjoy free breakfast and lunch at school each day until December 30<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom.

### **Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols**

The district sent out links this past weekend to the [Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols](#) information. Please ensure you've read this information and reviewed it with your child. Additionally, please sign the [acknowledgement page](#) and return it to school with your child.

**First Quarter Report Cards**

First Quarter report cards will be emailed to families on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions regarding report cards, please reach out to your child's teacher.

**Health Assessments & Immunizations**

The deadline for turning in Health Assessments and Immunizations is October 30. Families can submit this electronically or bring to the school. If these are not submitted by or on October 30<sup>th</sup>, students will be suspended from in-person instruction.

**Rising Kindergarten Registration**

If you have a rising kindergartener for the 2021-2022 school year, registration is now open. Please visit the Wake County website for more information.

**Second Semester Virtual Academy Enrollment**

The district will open the enrollment period for second semester Virtual Academy from December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. During this time, you may elect to enroll your child in the Virtual Academy for the remainder of the school year. Additionally, if you originally selected to enroll your child in the Virtual Academy for the entire year, but have changed your mind and want your child to return to in-person instruction for the second semester, you can elect to do so at this time.

It is important to note that families should not make this decision based solely on wanting to have the same teacher for the remainder of the school year. I cannot determine staffing at each grade level until I know how many students have enrolled in the Virtual Academy and in Plan B, in-person instruction. It is possible that staff at each grade level will change based on enrollment in each learning environment.

**Virtual Academy & Remote Learning Schedule**

To accommodate the return to in-person instruction, we've had to make some changes to our Virtual Academy Schedule. These changes will take effect on 10/26. Below is the new schedule we'll use for students enrolled in the Virtual Academy and students that are in Plan B but are in their remote learning weeks.

If teachers have changed the daily schedule to accommodate their need to teach students in multiple environments, they will communicate this with you. This is the only instance where the schedule may differ from what's posted below.

VIRTUAL ACADEMY					
K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes	Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes	Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes	Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes	Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes	Morning Meeting Live 20 minutes
Letterland Live 20 mins	Letterland Live 20 mins	Letterland Live 20 mins	ELA Live (Module & ALL Block) 40 mins	Sci/ Social Studies Live 25 mins	MIT
Letterland Practice 10 mins	Letterland Practice 10 mins	Letterland Practice 10 mins		Sci/SS Practice 20 mins	ELA Live (Module & ALL Block) 50 min
Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks	Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks	MIT	ELA Practice 30 mins	ELA Live (Module & ALL Block) 50 min	
Math Practice 30 mins	Math Practice 30 mins	Dreambox 20 mins	Instructional Support 40 mins		
Content Based Literacy Live 30 mins	Content Based Literacy Live 30 mins	Content Based Literacy Live 30 mins	Dreambox 20 mins	Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks	Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks
		ELA Practice 30 mins			
Lunch - Play Break	Lunch - Play Break	Lunch - Play Break	Lunch - Play Break	Lunch - Play Break	Lunch - Play Break
MIT	Instructional Support 30 mins	Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks	Math Live 40 mins with brain breaks	Math Practice 30 mins	Math Practice 30 mins
ELA Practice 40 mins		ELA Practice 40 mins	Math Practice 30 mins	Math Practice 30 mins	Dreambox 20 mins
Sci/ Social Studies Live 25 mins	Sci/ Social Studies Live 25 mins	Sci/ Social Studies Live 25 mins	Sci/ Social Studies Live 25 mins	MIT	Sci/ SS Practice 20 mins
Sci/ SS Practice 15 mins	Sci/ SS Practice 15 mins	Sci/ SS Practice 15 mins	Sci/ SS Practice 15 mins	Instructional Support 30 mins	ELA Practice 30 mins
Instructional Support 30 mins	MIT 2:45-3:05	Instructional Support 20 mins	MIT	ELA Practice 30 mins	Instructional Support 30 mins
Teacher Office Hours					

### Before & After School Care

Currently, we do not have any information regarding a Before/After School Care program on the Brooks campus. We will keep parents updated if this information changes.

### Important: Technology Guidance for In-Person Learning

When students return to in-person learning on Monday, the school does not have devices for them to use. Therefore, the following guidance will apply when we return to in-person learning:

- Students with WCPSS devices should bring their device to and from school.
- Students who are using a personal device can choose to bring their device to school. If you choose to send your child with his/her own personal device, parents will be required to sign a BYOD form or email the teacher to let them know you approve of your child bringing his/her personal device to school. Additionally, students will be responsible for following Health and Safety guidelines which state that students cannot share a device with another student.

### Magnet Recruitment Help

We need your help with magnet recruiting! Please send a short video of you (and/or your child) telling what they love about Brooks. If you don't want to record a video, you can send a written statement. Videos and statements should be sent to Nicole Schwartz by Friday, October 30.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Technology Needs**

If you are continuing to experience technology difficulties or something arises throughout the day, please don't hesitate to contact the WCPSS Technology Help Desk at 919-694-8100. WCPSS Technology Services has also created a support page for families experiencing difficulties or needing support to learn new tech tools. You can access their website [here](#).

### **Join Memberhub**

If you're looking for ways to get connected with the PTA and other Brooks families, join Memberhub! The Brooks PTA uses Memberhub as a means of communication with families throughout the year. This platform is used to send out the PTA's weekly newsletter, provide fundraising updates, provide information regarding volunteer opportunities, and other school-wide information. Please click here to join: <https://brooks.new.memberhub.store/store>.

As always, please reach out to either Ms. Taylor or me for support. We are more than happy to answer questions, address concerns, or provide guidance when needed.

Sincerely,

Marie Palmer, Principal