



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear Kirkbride Families,

I hope that this letter finds you safe, healthy and well! We have missed our students and families greatly, and I want to recognize the challenging time that we are experiencing during this global pandemic. We look forward to connecting with you again as we prepare for what will be a unique start to the school year.

I'm writing with a few updates as we prepare for school opening. Please continue to visit the Kirkbride web site: <https://kirkbride.philasd.org/> and School District of Philadelphia web site: <https://www.philasd.org/> for important information.

We will begin the year on September 2 at 8:30am with virtual instruction for all students through the first quarter (November 17), at which time SDP will evaluate if it is safe to return or if we will continue with virtual learning.

- 1) First Day: We look forward to welcoming ALL STUDENTS for the **first day of virtual instruction on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30am**. We will begin the school year virtually; students will not report to the school building.
- 2) Computers: **All students will participate in virtual instruction with an SDP-issued Chromebook (laptop computer)**. Chromebooks are property of SDP, but are available to all students who are registered. If your child received a Chromebook in the spring, he/she will continue to use the same machine. **If they are a new student, or did not receive a Chromebook, you must obtain one prior to September 2**. Please see information on the last page for obtaining a Chromebook, and find information on SDP's web site here: <https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/chromebooks/> **(Parents/Guardians must show ID and know student ID number)**

***If you are in need of a repair, please also refer to this list to ensure that repairs can be made prior to the first day.**

- 3) Internet: SDP and various partners are working to ensure that all students have internet access to connect for virtual learning. Please look out for more information to come!
- 4) Supplies: You should get any personal supplies that your child will need for a conducive work-at-home environment. It's recommended that students have pencils/pens and paper/notebooks so they can complete work. Teachers will be in touch with more specific information about items your child may need at home.

*When we do return to the building, we will not be asking families to contribute to classroom supplies. We understand that many families are facing economic hardship at this

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time, and we do not want to add to that strain. As a school, we are committed to provide for our students!

- 5) Contact Information: It is more than important than ever that we have accurate contact information for families. You can update your information on the SDP Parent Portal (<https://sso.philasd.org/cas/login>) if you already have an account. If you do not have an account, you can create one here: https://apps.philasd.org/accountsettings/default/guardian_start.htm

You may also email our secretary (mricco@philasd.org) to update your contact information, including phone number, email address and preferred language. **Phone, email and language are the most important to be sure that parents/students receive timely updates that you can access and understand!**

- 6) Registration: Returning students (Gr. 1-8) do NOT need to register. **If you have a new student or know of friends/family who need to register, beginning Monday, August 17, you can register online.** Please visit SDP web site (you can access from a cell phone): <https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/registration/>

You can also register by phone, or there is also a dropbox at SDP Central Office (440 N. Broad Street) for paper applications that you can drop off.

For assistance in multiple languages, please call the Office of Student Placement:

215-400-8480 – SHQIP

215-400-8481 – عربي

215-400-8482 – 汉语

215-400-8483 – Français

215-400-8484 – ខ្មែរ

215-400-8474 – Português

215-400-8485 – Русский

215-400-8489 – Español

215-400-8486 – Việt

Teachers and staff will begin contacting students and families after August 24. You will receive communication from your child's teacher at that time. We are also working as a team to prepare for virtual town halls, back-to-school night and other ways to connect with you.

I also encourage you to get connected with our Home and School Association. They have been brainstorming ways to support families and students, especially in unique circumstances. They want to hear directly from you how we can make our Kirkbride community stronger!

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HSA Email: kirkbridehsa@gmail.com

HSA Web site: <https://sites.google.com/view/kirkbride-hsa/home>
(note: updates for the new school year are coming!)

HSA Newsletter (last month):

[*Kirkbride HSA Newsletter \(in English\)](#)

[*Kirkbride HSA Boletin Informativo \(en Espanol\)](#)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me. I'm thankful for our awesome community and the support of all our parents and families. It is my great honor to serve as your principal and I look forward to working together with you and our team this year to best serve our students and community.

In partnership,

Ms. Julien

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Chromebook Distribution Sites

Now through August 12th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
440 N. Broad St., 1 st floor lobby	9-12pm	x	9-12pm	x	x
Fitzpatrick Annex Building, Rear of Fitzpatrick Elementary School	9-12pm	x	9-12pm	x	x

Starting August 17th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
440 N. Broad St., 1 st floor lobby	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm
Fitzpatrick Annex Building, Rear of Fitzpatrick Elementary School	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm
Martin Luther King High School	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm

Parents/Guardians must bring Guardian ID and Student ID Number

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