

8/17/20

Dear Lion Families:

Greetings to you and welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! I know that I speak on behalf of our staff that we are hopeful and excited to have students back in our classrooms. We have truly missed the energy and enthusiasm for learning that our students bring to our campus each day. Since March, we have met the challenge of educating our students in new ways during this pandemic. The efforts of our teachers, staff, parents and students have been heroic.

In the 2020-21 school year, we will continue to build student leadership as well as live and breathe our school's "PRIDE" vision. In addition, we will work together to GROW OUR FUTURE LEADERS by ensuring all students are highly engaged meeting each student's individual needs. The district will continue to be responsive to the needs of the community around us and will keep our students, families and staff members safe through this pandemic and uncontrollable COVID situation.

As the principal, once again, I will continue to ensure all of our students are highly engaged and our teachers are meeting each student's individual needs through either eLearning or face-to-face learning.

NEW INFORMATION:

The first day for students will be on Monday, August 24, 2020. The first week from August 24th- August 28th will be our "Smart Start Week". All students will be eLearning with their teachers during this week. This will provide a jumpstart for our learners and allow them to build a foundation for success while becoming accustomed to new health and safety procedures. Teachers will make connections with their students, set expectations, introduce curriculum and prepare students for new safety protocols when returning to the classroom. Attendance will be recorded daily beginning August 24, 2020.

The 2nd week of school will begin on Monday, August 31, students will continue eLearning at home or transition to the face-to-face learning model at Crestwood. We are using the initial choice parents selected in July. Teachers will be communicating specific information to the students and families during the "Smart Start Week" as we transition to the 2nd week of school.

REMIND Application:

Each teacher will be contacting parents and/or guardians via text/telephone to share information about the REMIND application and their class code. Your child's teacher will be using REMIND. This application is a very useful and effective tool Crestwood teacher, staff use to communicate, and keep families updated at all times. Please be on the lookout for your teacher's message, if you do NOT have an updated cell phone number; please contact our front office at 813-872-5374 to give them the most updated number so your child's teacher can reach you.

Our annual Open House will be virtual for all grade level classrooms/teachers will be held via ZOOM.

Device distribution: We are STILL in the process of having families return the loaned laptop devices to our school that were given out this past March. If you or anyone family member you know please encourage them to call the school and return the device. These devices need to be updated, cleaned and be uploaded with new software in order to return them to our students to begin eLearning on August 24, 2020.

NEW Device distribution:

We will be distributing devices during the week of August 17th for those families who may need an electronic device and their child is eLearning. Your child's teacher will be using REMIND to give you specific information about device distribution.

- Please note that if you did not turn your loaned laptop in the summer, you WILL NOT receive another one until the first one is returned. *

If you need to contact the school for any questions concerning your child's education, please contact the school front office 813-872-5374. Office hours are 7:00am-3:00pm. We are refraining from having a large number of people in our front office to follow CDC guidelines.

If your child attended Crestwood last year, it is not necessary for you to come to school to register for this school year.

Should you have any questions during the school year, please feel free to contact me at Crestwood and I will be happy to meet with you to discuss your child's educational needs. At Crestwood, we will continue to be responsive to the needs our students and community. I am looking forward to working with each of you and to an EPIC and successful school year!

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of our students and the community around us.

Sincerely, Mrs. Diane Sanchez- Principal