

Hello Everyone. With one week to go, we are working to get things ready for the beginning of the school. Below are some logistics that will help you and your child start the year.

### Dates

Wednesday, September 16 - First Day of School - Starting at 8:30 - Ending at Noon - Intake Meetings with families in the afternoon

Thursday, September 17 - Starting at 8:30 - Ending at noon - Intake Meetings with families in the afternoon

Friday, September 18 - Starting at 8:30 - Ending at noon - Intake Meetings with families in the afternoon

Monday, September 21 - Regular schedule begins with synchronous learning until noon - Asynchronous learning from 1:00 - 3:00

### Daily Schedule

8:30 - 12:00 Monday - Friday

Synchronous Learning (specific schedules will be shared by classroom teachers)

- Students should be logged on and ready to start their school day by this time
- All grades will begin with a Morning Meeting
- Attendance is required for all enrolled students
- During the morning learning block, students will have body and visual breaks

12:00-1:00 Monday - Friday

Lunch and body break

1:00-3:00 Monday - Friday

Asynchronous learning (time to complete assignments/projects assigned by teachers)

- During this afternoon time, some students will be invited to participate in groups for additional support and/or enrichment. These groups are still being established and will not take place during the first weeks of school.

### First Week of School

Teachers will provide specific details about pick-up times for the below items.

Supplies: All students will receive a bag/box/tub of supplies put together by classroom teachers. Materials in these include basic supplies, workbooks, math manipulatives and grade appropriate supplies.

Technology: iPads (preschool - grade 2) and Chromebooks (grades 3 - 6) have been ordered. There is a national shortage on these devices, so they will likely not arrive before the first day of school. We are working with individual families to get devices to get started. Teachers will provide login information.

#### From the School Office:

Registration Form

Health Form

School Calendar

Lunch Menu

(Forms can be mailed or dropped off at school between 8:30 and 12:00. They can also be scanned and emailed to [dsessions@mtrsd.org](mailto:dsessions@mtrsd.org).)

#### Learning Hub

The cafeteria will be designated as the Learning Hub. This space is available for families that do not have reliable Internet access. There is also a tent outside available for this purpose. The Hub will be open from 8:30 - 2:30. Masks must be worn at all times. Parents/care-givers are expected to stay with students the entire time. If you are using the Hub, a specific set of guidelines regarding signing in/out, use of restrooms, behavior expectations, etc. will be provided.

#### Food Service

Similar to the spring, breakfast and lunch will be available for students. More details will come in a separate communication.

#### Some Questions and Answers

*Will I need to sit with my child during his/her learning day?*

Most likely students in preschool through third grade will need you to be by their side, to start. As students become more comfortable, independence will increase.

*Will I need to assist my child during the afternoon asynchronous learning time?*

Students will likely need assistance to get started. You may decide to adjust these independent assignment times to fit the needs of your family. As mentioned above, students may be invited to participate in one-on-one or small group lessons/activities at this time.

*Is daily attendance required?*

Daily attendance is required. Teachers will take morning attendance and keep track of students until noon. Schools are required to submit attendance reports to the State.

*I have more questions, how can I get answers?*

You are welcome to email me at any time at [eliebowitz@mtrsd.org](mailto:eliebowitz@mtrsd.org). If you prefer to talk on the phone, please email me with days/times that work for you. I am also holding Virtual Principal Office Hours for people to ask questions. A separate email will include the links to these meetings. These will take place on the following days/times:

Friday, September 11 at 10:00 am

Monday, September 14 at noon

Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm

We thank you in advance for your support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. Please contact your child's teacher or me at [eliebowitz@mtrsd.org](mailto:eliebowitz@mtrsd.org) if you have questions or needs.

Best,

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