

MeyerPark Elementary Charter School

"Developing Young Minds"

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Dear MeyerPark Elementary Family,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through daily changes from the state and local authorities. We are thankful for the feedback from our families and staff as we continue to make sure we have a safe learning environment.

The decisions made for the upcoming school year are based on mandates and recommendations from Governor Abbott, the Harris County and City of Houston Health Authorities, the TEA Commissioner, and our School Board.

County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Dr. Shah of Harris County Public Health issued a joint letter last week that reads in part... *"Harris County's COVID-19 Threat Level is currently at **Red Level 1: Stay Home**", which means there is severe and uncontrolled disease transmission in our community. We recognize that in-person instruction is vital for the educational development and social well-being of children and young adults, and...in-person instruction of children is crucial for many parents to carry out their activities...However, the prevalence of the virus in our community means that it would be unsafe for schools to return in-person at this time or in the near future."*

"Taking everything into consideration...we currently recommend the following:

- In-person, face to face instruction should not be made available for any grades from prekindergarten through grade 12 until October 2020."*

Our School Board has decided to move the first day of school to **Monday, August 31, 2020**. Our parent survey has shown a large majority of our families would like to continue virtual learning until the spread of COVID-19 has decreased. **Our first four weeks of school will be virtual.** The virtual model from the Spring will be updated for this school year. During the second four weeks of school, we will attempt to transition students on campus for those parents who would like face-to-face instruction, unless there is a health mandate that does not allow this to happen safely. Our priority has always been safety first.

We will continue to put the well being of our MeyerPark Community at the forefront of critical decision making. In order to prepare for the first four weeks virtually, we will provide devices and hotspots for families who are in need. To get excited for the school year, we will have a drive-up "Meet the Teacher". At this event, you will pick up the necessary materials for the start of the school year, including one free spirit shirt per enrolled child.

In addition to revamping our virtual learning environment from the Spring, we are also adding a Parent Technology Learning session. During this time we will assist parents in setting up student devices and teach parents and students how to log on to our education platform. This session will be recorded for future viewing.

Our traditional uniforms will be waived for this year. The students both virtually and face-to-face will wear the Friday spirit shirt with jeans or blue uniform bottoms. Each student will be given one free red MPE T-shirt during Meet the Teacher.

Once your completed enrollment package has been received, we will reach out to you with the next steps of being prepared for the school year.

Upcoming Dates:

August 10 - Parent 2020-2021 School Year Information Meeting via Zoom 6:00 pm

August 17 - Parent Technology Learning Session (posted on ClassDojo) (recorded)

August 19 - Parent Technology Question and Answer via online appointments

August 20 - Parent Technology Question and Answer via online appointments

August 22 - Meet the Teacher/Pickup Materials 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Saturday)

Please understand, recommendations and mandates change daily. We will begin sending weekly updates to enrolled families.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the front office at 713-729-9712 or send an email to info@meyerparkcharter.org.

With love, lion pride and gratitude,

Julia Wright,
Superintendent