

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to John M. Patterson Elementary School. Please read this letter carefully for information concerning distribution of Chromebooks, instructional materials, dates of Kindergarten interviews and learning your child’s daily schedule.

**The first day of school** for students is Wednesday, September 2, 2020. All School District of Philadelphia public schools are 100% online (virtual) instruction until November 17, 2020. For detailed information about the School District of Philadelphia’s Reopening Plan, please visit website: <https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/schoolstart2020/#theplan> The school day for students begins promptly at 8:30am. Students will meet their teachers and classmates online using the Google Classroom platform. Uniforms are not required during virtual sessions. Pajamas and underwear, while online are prohibited. Students will be logged into Google Classroom with their teacher for no more than three hours a day and no more than one hour at a time.

Students must have all school supplies with them prior to the start of their class. I encourage all students to eat breakfast before class begins. All students begin their day with morning meetings before transitioning to Literacy. All teachers must attend staff meetings every Friday from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Students complete independent assignments during staff meetings.

**\*Synchronous - Live (Teacher and student face-to-face)      \*Asynchronous - Independent (Student Alone)**

PATTERSON SCHOOL SAMPLE VIRTUAL SCHEDULE	
8:30am - 9:00am	Morning Meeting
9:00am - 9:20am	Literacy - Whole Group Saxon Phonics Synchronous
9:20am - 9:50am	Literacy - Shared Reading Synchronous
9:50am - 11:00am	Literacy - Small Group Instruction Synchronous/Asynchronous
11:00am - 11:30am	Science/Social Studies Synchronous/Asynchronous
11:30am - 12:00pm	Specialist Classes - Art/Music/Gym/Science
12:00pm - 12:45pm	LUNCH
12:45pm - 1:00pm	Math - Opening Routine Whole Group Instruction Synchronous
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Math - Formative Tasks Synchronous/Asynchronous
1:45pm - 2:15pm	Math - Reflective Closure Synchronous/Asynchronous
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Asynchronous Tasks/Projects

**Student attendance is mandatory.** Teachers must take attendance every morning and afternoon in Infinite Campus. Half-day absences are generated when students miss part of the day. Research indicates that students with poor attendance through third grade are less likely to read on grade level or graduate from high school. Please encourage students to attend school everyday and on time.

**Teachers returned to school on Monday, August 24, 2020.** Teachers will begin to contact parents immediately and invite you to join their Class Dojo platform. This platform will be most teacher's primary form of communication with parents. You can retrieve your child's teacher email address by visiting Patterson's website at <https://patterson.philasd.org/>

**Back to School Night** will take place over two evenings. Back To School Night for Kindergarten through Second Grade parents/students will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Back To School Night for third and fourth grade parents/students will be on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

**Kindergarten interviews** will be Tuesday, September 2, 2020, Wednesday, September 3, 2020 and Thursday, September 4, 2020 from 8:30am - 12:00pm. Due to Kindergarten interviews, students will begin classes at 1:15pm on interview days.

**Chromebooks** can be picked up Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the School District of Philadelphia, 440 North Broad Street; Fitzpatrick School Annex, 4101 Chalfont Drive; and/or Martin Luther King High School, 6100 Stenton Avenue. New Math and Reading workbooks and some student supplies may be picked up from Patterson School (Auditorium entrance in the rear of the building, small school yard near the dumpster) on Monday, August 31, 2020. Please come at the time listed for your grade. **Kindergarten 9:00am - 10:00am, First Grade 10:00am - 11:00am, Second Grade 11:00am - 12:00pm, Third Grade 12:00pm - 1:00pm and Fourth Grade 1:00pm - 2:00pm.**

**Please welcome** ESOL Teacher Danielle Cobb and Early Literacy Specialist Danielle Shryock to Patterson School.

We are looking forward to meeting new students and families along with returning families to Patterson School.

Respectfully,  
*Kenneth Jessup*  
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