



Primos Elementary School  
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Dear Primos Elementary School Families,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer filled with exciting memories with your loved ones. I also hope that you and your child(ren) are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. It is with great pleasure that I officially welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. **Students' virtual first day of school is August 31, 2020.**

As this school year presents a new normal, due to COVID-19 health guidance and social distancing safety measures, the highly qualified and devoted Primos educators are working extensively to ensure our students will be presented with learning opportunities that will allow students to thrive and grow. **Our mission at Primos Elementary School is to foster a community of learners that strive for continuous improvement and growth.** During these unprecedented times I am committed to maintaining the highest standards so that there will be no shortage of opportunities for your child(ren) to feel challenged on a daily basis with high quality instruction, and have a wide variety of options to stay connected to their school community and peers.

### **Overview of UDSD Virtual Learning Plan**

- On August 4, 2020 the Board voted to shift to **virtual learning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, with a plan to reevaluate at the end of September and November.**
- Students will attend synchronous and asynchronous instructional sessions each week. Reading, mathematics, and related arts instruction will be provided synchronously, with live teacher support, and social studies will be provided asynchronously, through the Schoology platform.
- Students will be separated into 2 cohorts (AM & PM). Families with multiple elementary aged children will be in the same cohort. Your child(ren)'s cohort was previously emailed to you by Frank Salerno, Director of Elementary Education. You can also view your child's cohort assignment through this interactive map: [Interactive Cohort Map](#). Cohort 1 is identified in blue and these students are a part of the AM synchronous, live teacher support, session. Cohort 2 is identified in yellow and these students are a part of the PM synchronous, live teacher support, session.
- AM session - 8:30AM to 11:00AM
- PM session - 1:00 PM to 3:30PM

- On **August 19, 2020** and **August 26, 2020** Primos families will be able to pick up and borrow a district Chromebook at Primos from 9AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM, and 5PM-7PM.
  - *Please park on the side of the building and enter the patio doors, proceed to the cafeteria, pick up a Chromebook, and exit through the front door.*
- All students will have an opportunity to obtain consumable curriculum materials, such as textbooks and workbooks. We will provide families with curriculum material retrieval dates. **More information will be communicated to families prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the pickup of student materials.**

You can find answers to many of your questions in regards to reopening schools at <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/Page/7413>.

### **Breakfast & Lunch Procedures**

**At Upper Darby School District all breakfast and lunch meals are free for every student.** The District will continue to follow the grab and go breakfast and lunch plan during virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year, **from 11AM-1:45PM** on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **Below are a few important reminders:**

#### **Summer Scholars Packet**

Summer scholars packets were provided to families electronically and are posted on the school district's website, under the departments and curriculum and instruction tab website for your child to complete at their own pace,

<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/Page/2867>. The summer packet provides students with activities to practice and maintain skills learned throughout the school year.

#### **Back To School Supply Lists**

Classroom supply lists for each grade level are attached, supplies listed will support students during virtual instruction at home. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your child's supply list please contact the main office at 610-622-6755. As previously stated **more information will be communicated to families prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the pickup of student curriculum materials.**

#### **Home Access Center (HAC)**

It is important that we have accurate family contact information for students, as we utilize this information to communicate via ParentLink email and phone system. **Please review, edit, and update** this information on the district's Home Access Center (HAC), you can access HAC through the school district's website under the parents tab: <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/HAC>. HAC will reopen on August 14<sup>th</sup> and for your convenience your HAC credentials will be emailed to you this week. **Student homeroom assignments are also accessible through HAC, please familiarize yourself with this platform. Please see the attached guide for more information.**

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

**August 31, 2020- 1<sup>st</sup> Day Of School For Students**

**September 4, 2020- No School**

**September 7, 2020- No School**

September 10, 2020- Virtual Back To School Night @ 6PM

I am honored to serve as the principal of Primos Elementary School. It is a privilege to be a part of a community where families, educators, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support student success. In closing, I fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, family work schedules, the economy, and all of the other uncertainties. I appreciate your support and attentiveness, and I value our partnership to ensure quality educational experience for our students at Primos. I will continue to communicate any changes and updates pertaining to the reopening of schools as the District and Board continue to re-evaluate the status of school opening for flexible in-person instruction. *You can find recent district ParentLink communications in regards to reopening schools at <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/Page/7378>.*

Best,



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