

## GLASSMANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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August 18, 2020

Dear Tiger Families of Glassmanor Elementary School:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope you had a safe and healthy summer and were able to spend time relaxing and recharging so, you could be ready for what the new year holds. We are teaching and 100% digitally from August 31, 2020 - January 29, 2021. We are excited and we are in this, TOGETHER!

I want to start by saying, "THANK YOU!" I appreciate everyone for being supportive of our students and staff during a time that none of us have ever experienced before. As we faced and continue to face the COVID-19 global pandemic, you helped us ensure our students had a sense of normalcy while learning, at home, using electronic devices. You continued to partner with our school as we did our best to help your family with some of your basic needs. You responded to questions using Class Dojo and Google Classroom and you reached out to us when you needed help. As always, we are here for you. We are a team! Again, "THANK YOU!"

Last year, we shared that we are considered a Community School. This means we will be able to provide wraparound services that can help us with our attendance; mental health services and other resources for students and families. That is extremely important during this time. As a Title I school, we will continue to receive state and federal funds to support our instructional program for students. We are looking forward to how these efforts will benefit all of our Tigers. This is a priority, and we take your child's safety and academic and social growth seriously. You will notice your child growing and changing into college-bound individuals with confidence and pride in themselves, school, and community. Thank you for entrusting us with your greatest joy!

We will have opportunities for you to participate in your children's learning this year, and we will continue to have virtual parent events to prepare you to help your child. Have comfort in knowing that our entire team is committed to ensuring that your child will be part of a positive, nurturing, and safe digital environment. Mrs. Monzon, Our Parent Engagement Assistant and Mrs. Rich, our Community School's Coordinator will be scheduling monthly parent workshops to help you navigate distance learning for your child and give you tips and supplies to help you support your student. We look forward to working with each one of you!

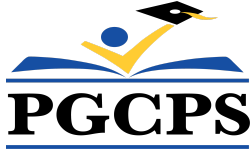
Our academic goals for the year will continue on culture, data, and performance, with a lens on literacy, so that Outstanding Academic Achievement will occur for All Students—No Exceptions. The College and Career Readiness Standards will drive our instruction, making learning more rigorous, meaningful, and exciting for students. **The 3 target areas of focus for Glassmanor ES are:**

- Increased achievement in Reading/Language Arts
- Increased achievement in Mathematics
- Improved attendance with less students being chronically absent

Please, do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Below you will find all the information you need to begin the school year successfully. Please ensure that your child participates in virtual school beginning the morning of **MONDAY, August 31, 2020**. In the meantime, enjoy the last few moments of the summer, and we will see you in the virtual classrooms, soon!

### **2020-2021 School Information**

- **School Hours:** School begins promptly at **7:45 a.m.** and ends at **1:55 p.m.** Remember...in order to receive the full benefit of our instructional program, it is important to be present and on time every day.
- **Immunizations:** All students must have accurate up-to-date immunizations on the **FIRST DAY** of school. We will work with families who need assistance with information. We want everyone to be safe once we permitted to return to school. Visit this site for more information: [www.pgcps.org/immunizations](http://www.pgcps.org/immunizations)



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- School lunch applications are sent directly to your home or you may apply online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) Please apply early. ***If your child received free lunch last year, you MUST submit a NEW form.*** Your child will **not receive free meals after September 30<sup>th</sup>** if a NEW lunch form is not submitted. Please submit only one application per family. The approval status is provided from the Food & Nutrition Office. Our school office does not receive a copy of your child's approval letter. Here is the website link for more information regarding PGCPS Food and Nutritional Services: [www1.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/](http://www1.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/)
- **School Supplies and Materials for Instruction:** Student supplies will be organized and distributed to families during the week of August 24 - 28. Information will be displayed on Class Dojo for the time/date for you to pick up supplies. **Since our building is undergoing construction, the Glassmanor Community Center will be our distribution center.** All supplies will be given out from there.
- **Valid Photo ID is ALWAYS required to enter the building for appointments.** All visitors must show their picture ID at the door before entering any PGCPS building and inside the building for our electronic monitoring system.
- **Student Classroom Assignments** for the 2020-2021 SY will continue to use Google Classroom as the electronic platform for interacting with their teachers and classmates. All assignments will be posted in their teacher's virtual classroom. Students will receive an invitation to join their teacher's class so they can engage in the learning. Please, contact your child's teacher/Main Office with any questions.
- **Schoolmax Parent Portal** is available **online** via PGCPS School Max Family Parent Portal. Parents have the same access code from previous years. Here is the website link for information for Family Portal: <https://family.sis.pgcps.org/schoolmax/family.jsp>
- **School/Home Communication:** Please ensure you provide the Main Office and your child's teacher with your current phone number and email address. We want to keep all lines of communication open as we work together on behalf of your child. Our entire school uses Class Dojo to collaborate with you. Please, ensure you sign up to be able to read the messages in Dojo once the invitation has been sent to you.

### \*\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\*\*

Event	Date and Time
All Student Virtual Mock Orientation	Friday, August 28, 2020 @ 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
ALL Students School Supply Pickup Glassmanor Community Center	Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 9 AM – 1:00 PM
First Day of School (all students)	Monday, August 30, 2020 Log in virtually @ 7:45 AM
Back to School Night (all grades)	Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Sincerely,

*Traci Brown*

Traci Brown, Proud Principal