

Bradbury Heights Elementary School
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August 17, 2020

Greetings Bradbury Heights' parents and guardians,

On behalf of the entire Bradbury Heights school family, I welcome each of you to the 2020-2021 school year! As we continue with distance learning until at least the end of January 2021, our teachers and staff are committed to partnering with you to provide our BHES scholars with engaging, appropriately challenging, and differentiated learning experiences. Our goal for distance learning is to include as many things that we would do if we were in the schoolhouse. We invite you to join us on this journey! The success of the Bradbury Heights Distance Learning Program depends deeply on the relationship between home and school.

This letter contains a lot of information, so please read thoroughly to the end and save for future reference. As always, if you have any additional questions that have not been addressed in this letter, feel free to contact me via email at lynette.walker@pgcps.org. All information in BOLD RED are live links for your convenience.

I'm looking forward to an amazing year of teaching, learning, and ongoing partnerships with our parents/guardians. Thank you for your continued support!

For the love of children,

Lynnette R. Walker, Ed.D.



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Welcome our new staff members!

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to the Bradbury Heights Family!

Mrs. Sharnetta Boone-Ruffin	3rd Grade	Sharn.BooneWilliams@pgcps.org
Mrs. Christine Fain	5th Grade (Science and Social Studies)	christine2.fain@pgcps.org
Mr. Shayne Fenton	CRI Autism Teacher (Kindergarten)	shayne.fenton@pgcps.org
Ms. Jeanette Henry	CRI Autism Paraprofessional	jeanette.henry@pgcps.org
Ms. Cameron White	Special Education Resource Teacher	cameron.white@pgcps.org
Mr. John Ndambi	ESOL teacher (part-time)	john.ndambi@pgcps.org

School Supplies and BHES Distance Learning Kits

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) issued a list of supplies all scholars in the district should have for Distance Learning. This list can be found on our ClassDojo School Story page and also on our school website at [Bradbury Heights Home Page](#). When purchasing supplies, these items should be the priority.

Bradbury Heights will also distribute Distance Learning Kits to students which will include student textbooks, novels, workbooks, manipulatives and other learning tools that our scholars need to participate fully in Distance Learning instruction.



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It is important that our scholars care for their learning tools so they are available for instruction when needed. When students are not using textbooks and learning tools, they should be in a safe place to avoid loss and damage. Parent partners, please help your scholars care for their learning tools and textbooks.

Distance Learning Kits Distribution Dates

PreK - 2nd grade: Wednesday August 26th 11:00am - 3:00pm

3rd - 6th grade: Thursday August 27th - 11:00am - 3:00pm

Personal Items

Items that students left in the building from the 2019-2020 school year will be bagged and ready for pick-up on dates above. We will place those bags in your cars. Students should also return materials such as textbooks and library books. We will provide bags for you to place those materials in. Additional details are forthcoming and dates are subject to change based upon availability of materials. Should we need to change the date we will inform parents and guardians immediately. Your flexibility and understanding is appreciated.

Technology Updates

Our returning Bradbury Heights scholars will keep the Chromebook they received in April and use it for the new school year. The exception to this are our rising kindergarten students (last year's Pre-K students) who will need to turn in the Chromebook they received in April. For the 2020-2021 school year, PreK and Kindergarten students will utilize iPads for Distance Learning and 1st - 6th grade students will utilize Chromebooks.

If your child did not receive a device in April, please email me at lynette.walker@pgcps.org so that we can add your child's name to our roster of students who need a device. Please see the



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Technology Update from PGcps below. We will have multiple distribution dates throughout the first quarter as we continue to receive additional materials and devices.

If the device your child received has been damaged, please email Mrs. Batson at andrea.batson@pgcps.org. She will assist you with submitting a Help Desk ticket and walking you through the process of getting it repaired.

Technology Update From PGcps

Nationally, there has been a high demand for the procurement of electronic devices, which has resulted in a delay of receiving them for PGcps. We have placed an order for our students and are awaiting delivery. If your child is currently utilizing a personal device in the home, we ask that they continue to do so until our order is received. We anticipate that additional devices will be available by September 21, 2020. Once received, you will be notified and a date and time will be scheduled for you to pick up a device. Your understanding is appreciated.

Class Assignments

There are many factors taken into consideration when determining classes. It is a very thorough and thoughtful process. This is why we do not make changes in class lists once they are released. If adjustments to classroom assignments are necessary, this is done on a case by case basis and in collaboration with school administration. The rationale for any movement must be in the best interest of the child and not focused on factors that can be resolved with partnership between the student, parent/guardian, and school.

With our talented teachers and dedicated specialists and administrators, we are certain that learning groups will come together as strong, cohesive classes as the school year unfolds. We ask you to trust in our process and know that opportunities for new friendships and relationships with teachers are ahead.

Classroom assignments will be available via the PGcps SchoolMax Family Portal on or around August 24th. To access the PGcps SchoolMax Family Portal [click here](#).



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SchoolMax

All PGCPS Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sign-up for the PGCPS SchoolMax Family Portal. If your information has changed, please access the portal to update. This will ensure you receive district-wide updates from PGCPS. The Parent Portal is open now for information updates.

Uniforms

Uniforms are NOT required for Distance Learning. We request that parents/guardians ensure that students are up, dressed for school, and ready for learning. Whenever we return to the school building for face-to-face instruction, our school uniform will be required.

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Parents To Do List

1. Register for PreK and Kindergarten Orientation; Date - Thursday, August 27th from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. Registration link: **[BHES PreK and Kindergarten Orientation Registration](#)**. A Zoom link will be provided.
2. Register for 1st - 6th grade Orientation. Date - Friday, August 28th from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. Registration link: **[BHES Distance Learning Orientation Grades 1-6](#)**. A Zoom link will be provided.
3. If your contact information has changed, please update SchoolMax! **[Click Here to update contact information in SchoolMax!](#)**
4. Check SchoolMax for your scholar's classroom assignment on or after August 24th.
5. Read the article from Johns Hopkins University, "**[8 Steps to Help Your Child Focus and Stay Engaged During Distance Learning](#)**".



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Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, August 26th	11:00am - 3:00pm	Materials Distribution for PreK - 2nd grades
Thursday, August 27th	8:30am - 10:30am	PreK and Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday, August 27th	11:00am - 3:00pm	Materials Distribution for 3rd - 6th grades
Friday, August 28th	8:30am - 10:30am	Distance Learning Orientation for 1st - 6th grades
Monday, August 31st	7:45am - 1:55pm	First day of school!
Tuesday, September 15th	6:00pm - 7:30pm	BHES Virtual Back to School Night
Wednesday, September 23rd	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Learning Session #1



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