September 2, 2021

Welcome Back Panther Parents!

The staff and I look forward to greeting all of our scholars on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 8, 2021! We have been working very hard to ensure Panorama Elementary School continues to be a safe and supportive learning environment for all of our students. Thus, we are proud to announce we now have a Community School Coordinator and Mental Health Clinician on staff to assist with addressing family needs that may hinder our scholar’s academic success.

Our school team is fully committed to supporting our scholars and helping them learn and grow at their highest level. As you know, it takes a village and thank you in advance for establishing home-to-school routines that promote daily on-time attendance, active participation during class, and positive/respectful behavior towards their peers and adults within our school. Encouraging your child to read for 30 minutes every day, monitoring your work and progress, and asking your child to share what they learned each day truly goes a long way.

I invite you to take a moment to review the information captured below, as some of our protocols and routines have changed. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly should you have any questions.

All the best,
Patricia J. Frazier

Patricia J. Frazier, Ed.D.
Principal
Family Orientation Day

Friday, September 3, 2021

- Pre-K 8:30 - 9:30 – School Cafeteria
- Kindergarten 9:45- 10:45 – School Cafeteria
- 1st Grade 11:00 - 12:00- School Cafeteria
- 2nd- 5th 9:00- 10:00 – Virtual, link is located on school website

Virtual Back-to-School Night
Monday, September 13, 2021- 6pm

Additional information is available on our school website: https://schools.pgcps.org/panorama/

Office Hours:
7:30 am – 3:30pm daily.
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School hours:
School begins promptly at 7:45am and ends at 1:55pm. Please know that in order for our panthers to benefit from our instructional program, it is important to be present and on time each day. Our scholars should not arrive at school before **7:30am** without adult supervision.

AM Arrival:
Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 7:45am; scholars must be accompanied by an adult to sign them into school. Their attendance matters, please arrive on-time.

Morning Routine/Drop-off:
If you are dropping your child off, please use the Kiss and Ride parking lot which is the first parking lot as you arrive at Panorama ES. Staff will be present to assist so that traffic can continue to flow.
**School Dismissal Routine:**
In order to ensure the safety of our students, children who are being picked up for early dismissal must be signed out each day. We check I.D. and match students according to those individuals listed on the emergency card or through a written note only. We will not be able to accept verbal permission or changes in dismissal arrangements over the phone for safety reasons. **Students will not be permitted to be signed out for early dismissal after 1:30pm.** If you need to make changes to your child’s emergency form you are welcome to contact the office to update that information or do it electronically.

Dismissal procedures begin at 1:55pm and all students must be picked up by 2:05pm.

**School Visitors:**
School Visitors are required to make an appointment with the school prior to arrival. Per the CDC, masks will be required inside schools and office buildings for students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status. If you have made an appointment and must meet in-person, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire upon arrival.

**Mask-Wearing Guidelines:**
Per the CDC, masks will be required inside schools and office buildings for student’s staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.

**Breakfast and Lunch:**
Meals will be FREE for all students regardless of meal benefit status for this upcoming school year.

**Sign Up for School Messenger!**
Stay connected with PGCPS by signing up for email alerts and text messages. Help setting up an account can be found here.

**Have a Bus Rider:** Information on student bus routes is available through the online StopFinder [https://www.pgcps.org/offices/transportation/stopfinder](https://www.pgcps.org/offices/transportation/stopfinder) on the Prince George’s County Public Schools website ([www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org)) or the SchoolMax Parent Portal. Route information will not be issued to parents/guardians by mail. Parents/guardians may use the Bus Stop Finder for details on locations, pick-up and drop-off times.

**Uniforms are mandatory:**
• **Boys**- white, light blue or navy dress shirt or three-button style pullover (polo style) shirt with navy blue slacks (no jeans). Knee length navy blue walking shorts (come to the knee) are also acceptable during the season of hot weather. Black or white rubber sole sport shoes are acceptable. No Hoodie Jackets.

• **Girls**- White or baby blue dress blouse or three-button (polo style) shirt with navy blue skirt, jumper, pants, or walking shorts (come to the knee). Girls may wear shorts underneath their uniforms during Physical Education classes. Black or white rubber sole sport shoes are acceptable.

**Student Information/Emergency contact Forms**
Please complete all Google Forms that will be sent home on the first day of school, especially the Student Information/Emergency Card. Teachers will share the forms during orientation. It is extremely important that we have accurate emergency information on file for every child. We are also asking for email addresses as a form of communication with our families. Sending Newsletters and other mass correspondences in this manner will save us and ensure communication more efficiently.

**Technology Devices:**
Students are expected to use or bring their computer/iPad, fully charged, to and from school each day. All new coming students to Panorama will be given a device. Pick-up day is September 7, 2021 8:00 – 12:00 ID is required. If you need technology assistance, please contact Ms. Norwood at 347-620-7447. Please leave a message and Ms. Norwood will return your call-in order as received.

**Immunizations:**
To help you prepare with ensuring that your child is properly immunized, Prince Georg’s County Public Schools is offering free immunization clinics for students. Remember No shots, no school! Make an appointment for routine immunizations today! Kindergarteners in the state are required to get a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine.

**Information to help you plan:**
- Please refer to [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) for additional school system information (bus information, lunch menu, school calendar, inclement weather status, etc.)
- Please refer to our Panorama website: [http://www1.pgcps.org/panorama](http://www1.pgcps.org/panorama) for Panorama information, parent calendar, and updates.
- Additional school information will be included in our Distance Learning Parent Handbook that will be available on our website, Talking Points, Class DoJo.
- Please contact the school at 301-702-3870 if you need additional information.