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Greetings Imagine Andrews Families,

It's a great day at Imagine Andrews! As a follow up to the welcome back letter sent last week, I am reaching out to provide some updates regarding our transition to virtual learning for the first two quarters of school. Please be sure to carefully read all of the information below.

Base Access

Many families have base access passes that have expired. You will need temporary access to visit the school on the day of Material & Supply Distribution. The base is currently only allowing temporary base access. Please complete the base access form and return it to kenyatta.cole@pgcps.org and cc cathy.hall@pgcps.org. by (8/17). We are asking that you only apply for one adult to access the base that day.

Material & Supply Distribution

On August 27 & 28 families will need to pick up items from the school to effectively participate in distance learning. This process will be very similar to the carline and laptop distribution in the spring. A separate message will be shared via Class Dojo very soon.

Communications: During these unpredictable times we will continue to use Class Dojo as our primary source of communication. At times we will use the robocall system as a backup for more urgent messages. It is very important that you make sure that your phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing address are up-to-date in Schoolmax. If you believe that your information needs to be updated, please contact Ms. Cole-Scott at kenyatta.cole@pgcps.org. We want to make sure that you have the latest information and are informed of expectations for the upcoming school year.

Technology- Across the nation there has been a high demand for electronic devices, which has resulted in a delay of us receiving additional Chromebooks. **In PGCPs, there are currently 32,000 chromebooks on back order, Dell (15,000) and HP (17,000).** If you received a device from us in the spring, you are to use that device for the 2020-2021 school year. We have a limited amount of chromebooks on hand to possibly begin distributing before distance learning begins. We anticipate that additional devices will be received in September. More details will be shared about how the limited devices will be shared with those who are in need of or prefer to receive a school issued Chromebook. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated in this process.



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Mock Orientation: Friday, August 28, 2020 from 9 a.m. -12 noon: During this event, you will receive information on the expectations for the new year via a virtual Mock Orientation. A link to join the meeting will be shared on Class Dojo. During this event, scholars will be able to work with their classroom teachers on the expectations for the start of school. Such activities will include; logging in to class, attendance, expectations for assignments, communications and other important information for the start of school. This is a very important day. Please do your very best to join your child so that we are all aware of the expectations to start school.

Virtual Back-to-School Night: Tuesday September 15 & 16, 2020 @ 6 p.m. Back to School Night will be held on September 15 (K-4) & September 16 (5-8). More details will be shared soon.

Virtual Learning Attire: Scholars are not required to wear uniforms while online. When appearing on Zoom, Google Meet, or any other recorded virtual learning platform, it is important that scholars dress appropriately. Uniforms will not be required until scholars return to the school building. Hats and headdresses can be worn on camera for religious & health reasons only. Tank tops, muscle & sheer shirts are not allowed. Scholars are not permitted to wear sleepwear online.

Virtual Backgrounds: Virtual backgrounds will not be permitted during instruction. They have been disruptive during lessons in the past. Please create a space with limited background for scholars to participate virtually.

Attendance: During virtual learning, students are expected to be logged into their classes by 8:30 a.m. each school day. They will be marked tardy, after the grace period of 8:35 a.m. Students will be charged a half day absence if they are not logged in after lunch. This expectation is outlined in our reopening document.

I am looking forward to everyone having an efficient, productive & user friendly virtual learning experience this year! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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