

Hello PCM Kindergarten Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and excited about the new school year. My name is Mrs. Alicea and I will be teaching in Room 107. We are almost **READY TO FLY HIGH!!**

This year, some of you will be in school and some will be at home. Regardless of your choice, we will all be making sure that our students are continuously connected to learning and developing new skills. Changes are being made daily to schedules, procedures and guidelines. I already know you have been extra patient and cooperative so, we will have a splendid year.

- **ARRIVAL** is at 8:25am and **Dismissal** is at 2:15pm. Parents **MUST** stay in the car. Greeters will escort your student to my class. Early Dismissal is at 12:30. Practice the quick separation at home.
- We will **ALL** be using **Microsoft Teams** for meetings, lessons, assignments, announcements, homework, projects, recognitions, pictures, videos and celebrations. You can download the app on your phone too. You can find many student and parent Teams training videos and our welcome video there and on My BPS website. Read **TEAMS POSTS DAILY!!**
- All students will have an **ipad** to use at home daily and a special tag to login with by themselves. **DEVICE** Pick up for virtual students is **Sept 4!!** In school students will receive their ipad on the first day. They must bring it back and forth daily with their own **HEADPHONES** (store bought). You can find Distance Learning district guidelines and rules on My BPS website.
- **Assignments** will be turned in daily on Teams. This way work automatically gets recorded and returned paperless. **DO NOT SEND WORK BY EMAIL.**
- **Homework** assignments are already found in the "Transition to School Activity Calendar" and should be completed in the "Transition to School Journal." Take a picture of your journal work and post it to Room 107 homework channel on Teams. We will send these items home.
- **Teams Chats- Attendance** is mandatory and recorded. The students enjoy seeing each other and exchanging thoughts. The meetings are Monday - Friday mornings at 8:50 am. to 9:40am and 12:00pm to 12:40pm. This may

change. Ms. McCormack computer class is on her team with a special time. Ms Patterson Music team also has a special time.

- **Suggested Schedule-** Will soon be available through Teams under the "107 Homeroom Team" under class files.
- **Contact-** Please feel free to e-mail me or chat on Teams with ANY questions I can help you with regarding assignments, curriculum, helpful hints, motivation etc. I would be happy to get back to you via correspondence or by setting up a Team meeting.
- **Breakfast and Lunch** will be served in the classroom. Nutrition Center menu is available at MyBPS website. Lunch from home is also acceptable.
- **Supplies** needed daily: 5 masks, personal tissue package, 2 small-labeled pencil boxes, kid's scissors, 24 crayons, glue bottle, glue stick, sewn notebook, 1 plastic double pocket folder with prongs, 12 colored pencils, and 4 markers.
- **CHANGE OF CLOTHES** Spills and accidents happen to anyone. Label the package.
- **BIRTHDAYS** Absolutely no parties, goody bags or treats this year. Sorry.
- **MORE UPDATES WILL BE COMING SOON ON TEAMS POSTS.**

**Your happy faces in our room or online and photos of your beautiful pictures brighten my mornings.**

**Be blessed!**