



Hillside Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We recognize the challenges that these COVID-19 times are presenting to our families. As our District continues to rethink and revise plans, we would like to communicate the plan for the first two weeks of school. All Hillside students will be **fully remote** the weeks of September 8th-11th and September 14th-18th, as was communicated by Dr. Henning-Piedmonte in her [letter to the community](#) on August 19, 2020. Orientations will be planned the week of September 14th for all grades. Details about Orientation will be communicated on Tuesday, September 8th.

Teachers will be reaching out to families tomorrow, September 3rd at 3 PM with a letter of welcome and a schedule of learning which will include links for classroom video conferencing and Google Classroom access information. These first weeks of school will be set up with introductory activities and early instruction with the goal of building a classroom community virtually. In addition, teachers will introduce students to web-based tools that will support their remote learning.

Please know that our team is working collaboratively to recreate the Hillside experience in COVID-19 times. We recognize that you have many questions and as we have answers, they will be communicated to the community.

Our dedicated professionals are highly committed to ensuring that your child has a happy and safe start to the new school year. We look forward to partnering with you this year as we, together, keep a focus on doing what is best for our children.

Warm regards,

Amy Cazes
Principal

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