



Weekly Note from PS Administration
February 22-26, 2021

Dear Primary School Parents!

It was so wonderful to be able to see students back on campus. Watching them “in human” play, learn, listen to their stories, reminds us of why we decided to get into education.

It is amazing to watch these resilient little faces, just walk straight into learning. Understanding the importance of physical distance and face masks but at the same time enjoying every second of their day on campus. There is so much to learn from them. How mindful they are of the present. How much they take advantage of what they have and how happy they look as they listen to their teachers, play with their friends, and share their stories.

Slowly we are beginning to feel a new sense of “normality” and although this probably will last a long time, seeing some light at the end of the tunnel is always encouraging for us as teachers, for our students and we think that for all of you too.

We will continue to make improvements in our path as we walk through it. We will for sure need to make adjustments, twists and turns and probably lift ourselves up in the road ahead, but knowing we are doing it together brings a sense of hope and togetherness that warms our heart.

Thank you again for your continuous support and partnership. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have you as our companions in this journey that life had planned for us.

Donald and Paula

Days of the Week

- Monday, February 22 **(Day 3)**
- Tuesday, February 23 **(Day 4)**
- Wednesday, February 24 **(Day 5)**
- Thursday, February 25 **(Day 6)**
- Friday, February 26 **(Day x)**

Upcoming Days of the Week February 8-12, 2021

Monday March 1	Tuesday March 2	Wednesday March 3	Thursday March 4	Friday March 5
Day X	Day 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4



Mark your Calendars

Please know the deadline to opt in for Module 5 is Monday, February 22nd.

In order to support potential changes that we will have to make in order to balance classes, we are asking for volunteers who are willing to be moved from one group to the other. **It is important to know that this does not guarantee that your child will be moved or that if you did not volunteer your child will not be moved.**

We will try to use families who volunteered first when we have to shift kids between groups as much as we can.

Please email ssmit@cng.edu if you are interested in having your name on this list.



Modules 4-6 for Hybrid Restart

Updated on February 3, 2021



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Opt-in Deadline for Module 4: **Friday, February 5**

Feb. 15-19	Group A on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming
Feb. 22-25	Group B on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming

Opt-in Deadline for Module 5 : **Monday, February 22**

Mar. 2-5	Group A on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming
Mar. 8-12	Group B on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming

Opt-in Deadline for Module 6: **Monday, March 8**

Mar. 15-19	Group A on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming
Mar. 23-26	Group B on Campus	Other Students in Live Streaming

Masks

Non-disposable masks must be made of anti-fluid fabric on the outside and must have hypoallergenic fabric on the inside covering the nose and mouth completely. Masks must be fixed in the nose to keep it in place. They must have your child's name inside and must be washed every day.

The school's masks for kids are sold in Caracolitos.

Uniforms

With the return to on-campus school in a Hybrid Model, students will be expected to wear uniforms. These may be the “PE” (casual uniform) version for both PS and ES. Following is the link to CNG’s uniform supplier, Caracolitos: [CNG Uniforms](#)

Overview of Hybrid On-Campus Model

The following overview items are provided with theme of the Three W's at all times:

Wear your Mask, Wash your Hands, Watch your Distance!

All staff will be modeling and reviewing specific safety protocols for all areas in the school: arrival/dismissal, classroom, hallways, bathrooms, snack break, recess.

Ingress/Egress (Arrival/Dismissal) Basics

PS students will be dropped off/picked up at the Main Gate. The most significant way parents can help each morning is to fill out the Self Checker Form. Drop-off will begin at 6:45am. There will be no Primary School supervision for gate drop-off before 6:45am.

If you are picking up your child please make sure to bring or place the printed placard in your car windshield. **We will not be allowing hand printed placards or signs.** Gate passes will not be issued. If you have an emergency and someone else needs to pick up your child, please make sure to send an email to ssmit@cng.edu or amcalderon@cng.edu. These requests will have to be approved by Mr. B and/or Paula before making any exceptions. Parents will not be allowed on campus.

Gate Dismissal Times

Kinder 4 : 12:55 pm

Kinder 5 : 1:00 pm

First Grade : 1:05 pm

Second Grade : 1:10 pm

If your children have older siblings please remember to come at your oldest child's dismissal time.

Students who ride the bus will have their temperature checked by the monitor. PS students will walk up and down the hill with teachers, using a different route than ES students. Students will have assigned seats on the bus based on family cluster and grade level. Dismissal from the bus in the morning will be one row at a time. We will have teachers taking students to their classrooms. Parents can help each morning by filling out the Self Checker Form. Bus Passes will not be issued. **NO exceptions will be allowed.**

Bus Dismissal Time

1:20 pm

Daily Snack Break, Lunch and Recess

These are in the schedule and, again, will be managed with safety protocols. There are 6 recess areas where students will rotate. Students must stay with their own class cohort group and assigned area. The recess areas will be cleaned in between recesses. There is a separate snack time in the schedule. Students must bring their own snack but may not share with others.

For those students who signed up for cafeteria services, a bag lunch will be delivered to their classrooms. If you didn't sign up for cafeteria services, please send another snack to your children.

WATER!

Students should bring enough water for their school day. They will not be allowed to use hand-washing stations to fill water bottles.

Classroom Environment

Teachers who are on campus will live stream their lessons so students at home can join.

Materials and Supplies

Each HR has provided a list of allowed supplies and materials. Please send your student's supplies in a separate bag that will fit in a cubby. No supplies and materials may be shared between students. Students will take home their supplies at the end of the school week so all areas can be thoroughly cleaned for

the next hybrid group. Students may not bring any toys or athletic equipment. Plush toys, blankets and soft items have all been removed from the classrooms.

Spanish, Specialists

Spanish and Specialists will push into the classroom. P.E will be outside of the classroom.

Medical and Emergencies

These will be handled as they always have been with the exception of the teacher sending an email to the Health Zone if a student is coming.

Preparing Your Children Back to School- By Lina Paredes

Click [here](#) to watch a video on how to support your child to come back to school.

Distance Learning Unexcused Absences

One of the challenging pieces about Distance Learning is the lack of time we have with students. It is very important for ALL students to make sure they are connected at all times during teaching. They need an appropriate learning space with school materials and please make sure wifi is working well.

Students who connect from their cars will be marked with an unexcused absence. Same with students who are at their farms and the internet does not work. We understand there might be issues at different moments with connectivity, but we need to ensure that this does not become an everyday problem for your children in order for them to take advantage of every opportunity.

Students need to connect to all synchronous blocks, otherwise they will be marked as unexcused.

Distance Learning , Learning Supplies

Teachers will be sending a must have list of school supplies needed for students to be able to work from home and/or their farm. Please make sure to take them with you in case you go to a different place.

<u>Kinder 4</u>	<u>Kinder 5</u>
<p>Device with internet access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - white paper - crayons - playdough - blunt tip scissors - markers - glue stick - small white board - white board markers - pencil - eraser - color pencils - skein of yarn - ziplock bag with 10 small objects (counters) - additional specific resources requested on a weekly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Alphabet chart</u> (1 copy, color & laminated) ● <u>Ten-frame</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Print in black and white ○ Cut in half ○ Laminate each half page separately ○ You will end up with 2 ten-frames! ● <u>Five-frame</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Print in black and white ○ Cut in half ○ Laminate the half page with the five-frame ○ You will end up with 1 five-frame! ○ Small whiteboard with dry-erase markers and an eraser ○ An example <u>here</u>. ● Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You may print some of these <u>writing pages</u>, or use white computer paper, or notebook paper, as long as your child has it available during class each day. ● Pen/pencil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ markers/crayons ○ Play-doh/ plastelina (one package/ multiple colors please) ○ Ten Counters (dried lima beans, buttons, caps, etc.) in a small bag or container

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Book bag, writing folder & paper sent from school (may vary per classroom)
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<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Second Grade</u>
<p>Homeroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Math books (Number corner and Student Book)● Writing Folder● Writing Paper● Pencil● Pen● Colors (crayons, markers or, colored pencils)● Whiteboard● Whiteboard Marker <p>Spanish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Writing folder● Writing Paper● Pencil/pen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2 Math student books (red and orange)● Printed writing paper (at least 10 sheets)● Writing Folder (English and Spanish)● ALL work in progress● Pencils● Blank Paper (10 sheets)● Markers or Colored Pencils● Scissors● Glue● iPad/Computer WITH charger● 12 inch ruler● Whiteboard, marker, eraser● Supplies made in class (number line, notes, etc)



As some of you already know, every year we celebrate at CNG COLOMBIA Day.

This year it will take place on Thursday, February 25th  . For this Day, we have planned special activities that will take place during Spanish and Sociales classes, taking into account the hybrid model.

In Primary School, children will depict the Colombian flag through drawings, will practice the national anthem, and make Flip Grid videos about animals, plants, fruits, flowers, and places. They will also participate in sessions of Colombian riddles, will have the opportunity to decorate a Chiva, and will participate in contests about Colombia's curious facts using a virtual roulette.

All children may come to school wearing colombian colors.

We would like to ask you to send typical colombian snacks for your children that day.

This year, due to biosecurity protocols, we will not have the general assembly or the Condors Families as last year, nor the fruit, flower, and coffee exhibitions. But we will maintain the same enthusiasm to celebrate Colombia and all its richness.



OUT OF DRESS CODE

OODC is Back!

Now that we are back in Hybrid, students are invited to participate in 2 monthly Out-Of-Dress-Code (OODC) days. Students may come OODC in exchange for a minimum suggested donation of COP 3,000 for Fundación Hogar Nueva Granada (FHNG).

Your family may either send in the exact change on Fridays with your student, or you can make a one time donation of COP 30,000 equivalent to the 10 OODC days this semester via the FHNG website. Please go to this link:

<https://www.hogarnuevagranada.org/donate/> and use the Open Donation section.

Once again, thanks to all the families that contributed to the OODC campaign from August to December we raised \$20.445.674 pesos for the 470 students that study at Colegio Fundación Nueva Granada! Well done CNG!

Library News

From the PS Library

Thank you for joining us during our last Parent University!

For those of you interested in accessing Flipster, you may download the application from the App Store.

The Username is: flipstercng and the password is: Flpstr*cng2020

Remember our curb-side pick up program is back! Place your books on hold, pick them up at the front gate and enjoy reading!

If you have any questions, please email me at mruribe@cng.edu



On Monday, February 22nd at 3:00pm we will have our next Coffee with the Principal. We hope you can all join us.



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Password: 791766



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★ **February Break- February 25- March 01**

★ **Parent Teacher Conferences- March 19th- No school for students**

★ **Holiday- March 22nd- No school**



*Most websites are adjustable for any grade level by selecting the appropriate level for your child.

CNG Important Links:

Distance Learning Hub

CNG Parents as Partners Hub

Math websites:

<https://www.ixl.com/>

<https://pages.sumdog.com/>

<https://www.youcubed.org/>

Reading websites:

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

<https://www.spellingcity.com/>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>

<https://quizlet.com/>

<https://freerice.com/categories/english-vocabulary>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

Reading & Math websites:

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/>

<https://skoolbo.com/>

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

<https://mrnussbaum.com/>

<https://mosamack.com/>

<https://www.softschools.com/>

<https://www.abcyd.com/>

<https://pbskids.org/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

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