



Weekly Note from PS Administration

September 14-18, 2020

Dear Primary School Parents!

We do not get tired of saying thank you! Frankly, the words do not reflect how much we appreciate your kindness and resilience in this unprecedented time. You have been tasked with the job of teaching your children while simultaneously trying to work, worry, clean, cook, and carry on. Most of you are not teachers, but you have learned how to navigate Zoom, Epic, RAZ-Kids, Google Classroom, and the list goes on and on.

We are fully aware of the difficulties that you have faced over the last few months. Many of you may have set up a timetable of learning alongside your own work. Many of you may have felt that the route of giving choice to your children was better. Many of you have probably felt that you simply cannot face it today. Many of you have perhaps been far stricter. Our message to you is whatever stance you took: it was and is OK.

We have received countless emails from parents ranging from 'my child is coping and doing all the work' to 'I cannot get him/her out of bed'. Some of you have even gone as far as to say that you feel helpless to aid your children as you

simply were not born to be teachers. And that is also OK. Know this: you are doing a great job. Thank you.

We long for the days when we can give your children a high five as they walk down the hill. We long for the days when we have to ask them to stop playing with each other's hair. We long the days when we see those smiles running around. But we know those days will come again.

We will do everything in our power to pick up the pieces whenever we go back to school. Please know this: We are on your side and ready to support you however and whenever we can. With best wishes and warmest regards,

Donald and Paula

Days of the Week

- Monday, September 14 (**Day 5**)
- Tuesday, September 15 (**Day 6**)
- Wednesday, September 16 (**Day 1**)
- Thursday, September 17 (**Day 2**)
- Friday, September 18 (**Day 3**)

Upcoming Days of the Week September 07-11, 2020

| Monday Sept 21 | Tuesday Sept 22 | Wednesday Sept 23 | Thursday Sept 24 | Friday Sept 25 |
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| DAY 4 | DAY 5 | DAY 6 | DAY 1 | DAY 2 |

Hot Topics



Welcome to Mr. B's and Ms. Paula's Bitmoji Office

We want to welcome you and your children to our virtual office. Please click on the links below and they will take you to each of our offices. As you will see, the different images will take you to different links. We hope you enjoy them and we can stay in touch with you and your children.

[Mr. B's Office](#)

[Paula's Office](#)

Self- Directed Challenge

We would like to invite you to be part of a weekly afternoon challenge. Students will be able to find it in their Seesaw classroom. They will be able to choose as many activities as they want to do. They can upload their creations into Seesaw and we will be sharing them in our monthly PS Awards Assembly. We hope you can all participate.



Adriana Sanchez



Assign...

Student Instructions

Self-Directed CHALLENGE

LET'S BEGIN OUR AFTERNOON CHALLENGES



In this board you will find many fun activities.

- 1.
2. You can click on one activity every day. Choose any you want to do.
3. Click after you complete one activity. You can show us your work or not. It is OK
- 4 When you are DONE at the end of the week click

Math, Physical Education, Writing, 3rd, 2nd, 4th

Compatible with: Chromebooks, computers, iPads, iPhones, Android tablets, Android phones, Kindle Fire

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Seesaw:

Please remind your children to do Seesaw activities. They are a very important piece of learning and they are a complement to the teacher's mini-lessons during the synchronous time.

Specialists in Seesaw:

The specialists' teachers are uploading materials in Seesaw once a week in each grade level. The main purpose is to reinforce the lesson students have had during sync time, they are not always homework or assignments. You will find a variety of resources that can be a video lesson to review or resources to support learning. Sometimes students only need to watch and there is not a product needed. Teachers will always clarify if there is something students need to show or they only need to write "done".

Assessment Protocol

Beginning next week teachers will be starting to assess students in literacy and Math. These assessments are for teachers to know where students are and therefore plan instruction accordingly. We kindly ask you to please follow the attached assessment protocol to make sure that we are able to see where your child needs support or challenge. As always we remind our students about our four core values of responsibility, respect, integrity, and caring. Thank you for your support.

| Before Assessment | During Assessment | After Assessment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finding a space that is appropriate for assessment. A quiet place with no distractions (no | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must work independently• If students ask for clarifying questions you may<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Re-read | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents may help students turn in assignments on Seesaw• Picture |

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| <p>toys, no food or other objects which can create distractions)</p> <p>Appropriate seating with a desk and a chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents may only help clarify instructions to students• Parents may ask students to state directions in their own words in order to check for understanding• Parents may only translate instructions if needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ instructions◦ Listen to the instructions again◦ Paraphrase instructions | <p>uploaded on seesaw must be large enough and with good quality for teachers to be able to read it.</p> |
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Coffee with the Principal and Parent University

Our next meeting will be September 18th for a question and answer session. We hope you can all make it.



Links to Presentations and Resources

Behavior 101

By Lina Paredes

[Behavior 101 Presentation](#)

[Lego Challenge](#)

[Caring Connections Calendar](#)

From the PS Library



A few days ago, several parents expressed that EPIC was only working until 3:00 p.m. After trying to understand what was happening, we concluded that in order for you to be able to access this platform, it is necessary to do it from a computer or laptop and enter through the PS Library, not the App.

Nevertheless, if after trying this you are still experiencing a problem, please email Maria del Rosario Uribe at mruribe@cng.edu for support.

Happy reading!



[Nine Tips for Preparing Children to go Back to School](#)

[Coronavirus: Preparing children and young people to return to school](#)



You Can Always Count on Us





Coffee with the Principal-
Friday, September 18, 2:00-3:00 pm



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ID: 95936083665

Password: 791766

K4 and K5 Awards Assembly

Wednesday, September 24, 7:30-8:30 am



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ID: 91068149132

Password: 765846

First and Second Grade Awards Assembly

Thursday, September 23, 7:30-8:30 am



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ID: 97782095387

Password: 537179



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

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/>

Math websites:

<https://www.ixl.com/>
<https://pages.sumdog.com/>
<https://www.youcubed.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.abcyia.com/>
<https://pbskids.org/>
<https://www.funbrain.com/>