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Dear Parkview Families,

We hope each of you are staying safe and healthy this summer! It is hard to believe the summer will be over, and it will be time to return to remote school next week! We hope the summer and time away has helped with reflection, anticipation, and preparation for another outstanding 2020-2021 school year.

We look forward to opening the school year with each of you, even though it is going to continue to be different. Undoubtedly, the 2020-2021 school year will be unlike any other we have experienced, but we remain confident that collectively Parkview will be able to meet the ongoing needs of our students. We were so impressed with the dedication and hard work that went into quickly switching to remote learning back in the spring, and it makes us proud when people ask about what makes Parkview special to be able to tell them our students, teachers, and staff and the outstanding effort that has been given to this current challenge.

After many conversations and correspondences with students and parents, we understand the anxiousness, nervousness, and trepidation you are feeling as we begin to prepare to return to school. We are committed to making sure that all our staff and students are healthy and safe. It is important to make sure that to help protect everyone in our school community, we all must take the necessary steps to mitigate transmission. Please make sure you are wearing your mask in the building and when interacting with others, washing hands, and using hand sanitizer frequently.

As you prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we want you to have some important information about what to expect. Based on public health guidance, the first nine weeks of school will be delivered remotely. In the next week, you will receive more details about:

- your student orientation date and time
- student assessments
- health and safety protocols

**Enclosed with this letter you will find the following information:**

- Goals for Remote Learning
- Canvas and Student Login Directions
- Information regarding the First Three Weeks of Remote Learning
- Orientation Information
- Teacher Assignments and Virtual Meet the Teacher
- Information for Students receiving Special Education Services
- Technology and Devices Information
- Student Meal Information
- Support for Remote Learning

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### **Goals for Remote Learning:**

1. Increase access for students requiring support with devices and technology.
2. Follow a traditional school schedule ensuring a smooth transition when we move from remote learning to face to face instruction.
3. Provide live teaching sessions for core content areas to ensure student progress towards grade level standards.
4. Provide recordings of the live teaching and daily assignments for families that have work conflicts that do not allow their child to be “in school” during the school day.
5. Provide small group sessions to support remediation, conservation and enrichment of skills and standards.
6. Embed social-emotional learning into daily instruction to support students’ needs socially, emotionally, and academically.
7. Work collaboratively to ensure every student will have the support they need to close learning gaps and master skills in their current grade level.

### **Canvas and Student Login Directions:**

Students will utilize Canvas for their remote learning platform. Canvas will allow students to interact with their teachers through live teaching sessions, complete assignments, submit assignments, and access resources. It is vital students login to Canvas every day to access their teachers and course content. Login information is below:

**Website:** my.ncedcloud.org

**Username:** Student ID/lunch number

**Password:** Parkview2021

Teachers will provide lunch numbers during their welcome call to you. You can also obtain lunch numbers by calling the main office. You will not see your teachers’ courses until they are published on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Cannot remember your password?* Email your classroom teacher and they can reset the password for you.

*Other tech issues?* Email your teacher.

### **First Three Weeks of Remote Learning:**

Students will have recorded lessons daily with assignments to complete. Students will turn in assignments to teachers. **Assignments will be graded, and student attendance will be monitored by classroom teachers.** Recorded lessons will include Math, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Art, Physical Education, Global Languages, Library/Media and Social and Emotional Learning opportunities. *We understand that this will be a PROCESS as we work to get everyone the supplies needed to be successful.*

Teachers will contact students through live daily classroom meetings. Live daily online instruction will begin September 8<sup>th</sup> and families will receive more details on the next six weeks of remote learning during their student orientation appointment. Supports for remote learning can be found on the [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com) homepage under the Reopening Schools tab. **Please see the included schedule for the first three weeks of remote learning.**



Orientation Information:

Over the next few weeks, you should receive either a phone call or email correspondence from your student's homeroom teacher establishing a virtual orientation session for your family. Orientation sessions will include the following:

- Spend time getting to know your student and family.
- Make sure your student has device and broadband access.
- Getting comfortable with logging in and accessing Canvas.
- Update parent contact information.
- Explain the schedule for remote live instruction beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> week of school.
- How to access pre-recorded content
- How to submit assignments.
- Administer a diagnostic pre-assessment
- Distribute any resources, consumable workbooks, and materials from the school.

Teacher Assignments and Virtual Meet the Teacher

Every family will receive a phone call from a Parkview Team Member welcoming you to PVES Remote Learning and let you know the name of your child's homeroom teacher. You will also be given your child's NCED ID number that they will need to log in to CANVAS. (it is your child's lunch number). You will receive an invitation to join Class Dojo – a text messaging system which will be used for 2-way communication throughout the year.

Virtual Meet the Teacher will occur on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5:00-6:00. Links will be forthcoming online:

Students Receiving Special Education Services

All students with an IEP or 504 will get a phone call from their case manager to discuss and schedule service time for students.

Technology and Hotspots

GCS will send out 125 smart buses with internet access while students are participating in remote learning. Buses will be located at various sites throughout Greensboro and High Point. Wireless internet access is available in several school parking lots. The list of the 24 schools with outdoor internet can be found at <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64905>

Where to Get School Meals/Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Through August 31<sup>st</sup> meals are available for children under the age of eighteen at 41 schools and 65 neighborhood locations. Information on the times of service and the locations can be found at <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64834> Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, GCS students or the parent/guardian of a GCS student can pick up meals at all schools. Times of services will be announced prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The application for free & reduced meals can be found at [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com) homepage under the Reopening Schools tab. This application can be completed by any parent/guardian of a student in a Guilford County School at any point during the school year. All families at all schools are encouraged to complete this application as approval may qualify a family for additional benefits during the global pandemic. Even if you do not qualify or think you will not qualify...please complete. Our goal is 100%!! The higher the percent the more funding we get for our children!

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Support for Remote Learning:

**During our orientation week, we will have “How to Videos” for families to watch to learn how to navigate our remote learning platforms. We will also post the Parkview Student Virtual Student Handbook on our webpage as well. [https://www.gcsnc.com/parkview\\_village\\_elementary](https://www.gcsnc.com/parkview_village_elementary)**

We look forward to your return, virtual and in-person, welcoming and meeting our new and returning students. We want to continue to strive for excellence in all areas and make sure our students grow despite the challenges we are faced with during the pandemic. We are looking forward to another great school year.

Sincerely,

Crystal Gregory, Ed.D