

## Welcome Back Nathanael Greene Families

I would like to welcome all of our new “Little Generals as well as all of our returning “Little Generals.” I hope all of you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! I acknowledge that this has certainly been a challenging time, but we are excited to get back to building relationships and teaching and learning with our students. As many of you likely aware, the first-nine weeks of school will be conducted remotely.

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
- remote learning expectations

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

#### Elementary Schools

For the first three weeks of school, students will login to Canvas daily. To login, students will need their student ID #. Please contact your child’s school if you do not know your child’s student ID #. 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 (like tips for managing stress and getting to know you activities). Teachers will contact students daily through phone calls, messages and small group sessions. 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.

### **Students Receiving Special Education Services**

Parents who need to request Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings or schedule time for related services appointments (like occupational therapy and physical therapy) that cannot be provided remotely should contact their home school directly.

### **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>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please contact the school or email Ms. Morris at [morrist@gcsnc.com](mailto:morrist@gcsnc.com) if you would be interested in accessing Wi-Fi at Coble’s Lutheran Church. They have graciously offered their



space and Wi-Fi to our students who need it. **Ms. Morris will need to know the days and times that are most convenient** for parents so Coble’s Lutheran can create a schedule for their volunteers. The volunteers, parents and students will need to follow the recommended safety pre-cautions required by the state at this time.

### **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.

### **Open-House Information**

- Kindergarten - August 12 at 3 pm
- 1st grade - August 12 at 4 pm
- 2nd grade - August 13 at 3 pm
- 3rd grade - August 13 at 4 pm
- 4th grade - August 17 at 3 pm
- 5th grade - August 17 at 4 pm

We look forward to working with you and your student this coming school year. We know that with all of us working together this will be a successful school year even though it will look differently than in years past.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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