



Jenkins Elementary School
 Creating the Path and Leading the Way

Digital Learning Parent Information Fall 2020

On Wednesday August 12th, Jenkins Elementary will kick-off its tenth anniversary year with all students engaged in Digital Learning. Our faculty and staff is committed to the success of all our students, and we are looking forward to an exceptional and unique learning experience for all students. We have continued to improve our structure, process, expectations, and practices over the summer, and these improvements will help us meet the academic as well as the social and emotional needs of our students. Please know that while we are thrilled to welcome over 800 students this year, we are more excited about the personalized and unique learning experiences that we will offer each student this year!

Schedule – Focused, Flexible, and Student-Centered

Jenkins Elementary School will leverage a daily schedule for digital learning because it allows students and teachers more time to develop a routine and the opportunity to forge a meaningful relationship. It also allows teachers time to work with students as a class and in small groups.

| Monday - Thursday | Friday | Specials |
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| <p><u>Each Grade Level has a specific daily schedule to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 minutes for lunch • 20 minutes for recess • 15 minute break • Specials • ELA/MA/SC/SS segments <p><u>From 3:00 to 4:00pm teachers will be available for the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Questions/Answer Session with Students and Parents • Scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference Appointments • Virtual Focused small group remediation/acceleration groups with identified students | <p>Fridays will not consist of a daily schedule, however teachers will conduct the following as needed by specific students:</p> <p><u>Virtual Focused Small Group Instruction:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CQI & AKS Lessons • Acceleration Lessons • RTI Data Collection • Virtual Make-up of Missed Assignments and Incomplete Assignments with teacher support, Re-do of non-satisfactory assignments with teacher support • Virtual Science labs/experiments • Virtual Social Studies Special projects • Virtual Special Areas Special projects • Scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference Appointments | <p>Kindergarten 9:00 – 9:45am</p> <p>1st Grade 9:50 – 10:35am</p> <p>2nd Grade 10:40 – 11:25am</p> <p>3rd Grade 2:15- 3:00pm</p> <p>4th Grade 1:00 – 1:45pm</p> <p>5th Grade 12:20 – 1:00pm</p> |

What can students and parents expect from Jenkins Elementary Digital Learning?

While digital learning presents certain challenges, it also offers unique opportunities for personalization and application of knowledge and skills. As we plan forward for the start of the year, parents and students can expect the following learning experiences during Fall semester:

- Teachers will use synchronous (Live) teaching and asynchronous (Recorded) teaching.
- Students may be asked by teachers to participate in small groups, and these are not optional.
- Teachers will be available afterschool from 3:00 – 4:00pm by appointment.
- Students that do not participate risk disciplinary consequences and/or academic failure.



Meet Your Teacher Day – Digital **(SAVE THE DATE- JULY 31st)**

- Families will be able to connect with their teachers virtually on Friday July 31st
- **Teachers will contact parents directly to provide log-in information for Virtual Open House.**
 - 9:00 – 9:30am Kindergarten & 5th Grade
 - 9:45 – 10:15am 1st & 3rd Grade
 - 10:30 – 11:00am 2nd & 4th Grade
 - 11:00 – 11:30am Special Education & Specials Areas
 - 12:30 – 1:00pm K-5, Special Ed, & Special Areas



Device and Technology Check-Out

- We will begin checking out Chromebooks to parents for students on Monday, August 10, 2020 on a first come first serve basis.
- Email Brenalee.Alford@gcpsk12.org for a Chromebook Checkout request.
- If you have any questions regarding Technology or Chromebooks, please email Brenalee Alford at Brenalee.Alford@gcpsk12.org

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What will digital learning look like in the Fall of 2020?** - Teachers will provide both live (synchronous) and recorded (asynchronous) lessons and independent work. This means that students will be required to participate in digital learning beginning at 9:00 AM each day. Students should plan to both follow the schedule with their teachers (synchronous learning), and also complete activities and assignments (asynchronous learning) on their own time to meet assignment deadlines.
2. **How will grades be calculated?** - All digital courses will have the same grading policies and practices as the in person version of the course. Each week, there will be some graded assignments will be included in the gradebook. The grading will NOT be like last spring.
3. **Will attendance be taken during digital learning classes?** - Yes, attendance will be taken daily.
4. **Is the student code of conduct still in effect for remote students?** - The student discipline code of conduct is still applicable for students during digital learning.
5. **Does that mean students will be expected to be in front of a computer for six-plus hours a day?** - It is not likely that students would be online in live classes the entire school day. However, since teachers will be at their schools during school hours it is safe to assume most digital instruction will occur during that time. Based on feedback from the spring, we are encouraging teachers to conduct more live (synchronous) lessons. Platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams may be used for these sessions. Other assignments may include other recorded videos or independent work, which can be done any time during the day. We believe the use of a variety of instructional methods will be best for students. However, teachers will not be expected to continue instruction after school hours.

PARENT SUPPORT – Parents, we want to partner with you!

- Parenting can be tough. As educational experiences have improved it is sometimes harder for parents to support students today than it was a few years ago. Please know our faculty and staff are here for you and your student.
- Be on the lookout for Parent Seminars and emails with information to help you and your child.
- Keep your eye on all updated GCPS Parent Portal highlights that are designed to make it easier for parents to see assignments, including missing ones. It also will allow parents to access student information, including gradebook data, discipline, report cards, transcripts, calendars, and more.