

Dear Knight Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We look forward to welcoming your child to Knight Elementary, where we all believe that ***It is Our Time to Shine, Knight Stars!*** This email contains information regarding the start of school. Please refer to it often, so that you and your child will be prepared for this unique start August 4, 2021!

### **First Day of School & Staggered Start for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Please note that all students **do not** begin in-person instruction on the same day! GCPS is implementing staggered starts to help reacclimate students to school on **Meet the Teacher Days**. The 2021-2022 school year begins for students on the following dates by grade level. We will provide additional details about the staggered start during our Open House/Meet Your Teacher.

**Wednesday, August 4th:** First Day of In-Person Instruction for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Thursday, August 5th:** First Day of In-Person Instruction for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (Digital August 4th)

**Monday, August 9th:** First Day of In-Person Instruction for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades (Digital August 4th-6th)

**Open House/Meet Your Teacher:** We are excited to kick off the school year by meeting you and your child Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prior to Meet Your Teacher Day, your child's teacher will reach out to you **via email with a welcome letter no later than Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. You will meet your child's teacher during the following times:

<b>Monday, August 2nd</b>	
8:00 - 11:00	Last Names <b>A-I</b>
12:30 - 3:30	Last Names <b>J-R</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 3rd</b>	
8:00 - 11:00	Last Names <b>S-Z</b>

### **Device Checkout:**

Student devices will be available for checkout during Open House for students in second, third, fourth, and fifth grades.

### **School Supply Lists**

Check the Parents/Students tab on the school website to access the 2021-22 school supply lists.

## **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications**

The 2021-2022 Free and Reduced lunch applications are available. Please complete an application by going to:

[\*\*SY21-22 Free and Reduced Price Application\*\*](#)

## **Back to School Forms**

Orientation Agreement Forms and School Contributions must be completed via MyPaymentsPlus. All returning students may simply go to [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) and login to complete the process. Those without an account will need to create one by going to [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com) ; click on “*Register*” for a FREE account.

## **Parent Portal**

Are you on the Parent Portal? If not, please contact Laurie Boltin at [laura.boltin@gcpsk12.org](mailto:laura.boltin@gcpsk12.org) or Allison Morant at [allison.morant@gcpsk12.org](mailto:allison.morant@gcpsk12.org) to complete the sign-up process. The Parent Portal allows parents to monitor student progress throughout the year. No more waiting for report cards to get an update on grades; you may simply check the Parent Portal at your convenience. Other features allow you to view attendance, lunch account balances, checked out and overdue books, and emergency contact information.

## **Student Contact Information**

The Student Data Validation/Change Process is online via the ParentVue Update Student Information tab within the Parent Portal. To ensure receipt of all school information updates, it is important that all information is reviewed and updated before the first day of school. Please use this feature to ensure all the necessary contact information (i.e., emergency contacts, pick up list information, cell phone numbers, doctor's numbers, and any necessary medical information the school needs to know) is up-to-date and accurate. The information provided here is our primary emergency contact information, and it is crucial that we get accurate parent/guardian telephone numbers and addresses.

## **PTA**

Are you a PTA supporter? We encourage you to support Knight by becoming a PTA member. PTA membership costs \$8 and you join anytime via [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.mypaymentsplus.com).

## **GCPS Updates**

GCPS Updates regarding Fall 2021: Be sure to visit the GCPS website at [GCPSWebsite](#) for all updates regarding digital learning and the start of school including the updated school calendar.

## **Need more help?**

Please feel free to contact Allison Morant, [allison.morant@gcpsk12.org](mailto:allison.morant@gcpsk12.org) , or Kelli Sheffield, [kelli.sheffiled@gcpsk12.org](mailto:kelli.sheffiled@gcpsk12.org) , in our Parent Center. You can also reach them by phone from 9:00am - 3:00pm at 770-806-3887.

Finally, please visit the Knight website frequently for information and updates at [KnightESHomepage](#) Thank you for your generosity and support as we continue to strive to ensure learning for all students at Knight Elementary! We can't wait to see you SHINE!

~Your Knight Elementary School Family