

DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

We would like to Welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! We are so excited to have you and your child as part of the Dogwood Elementary school community. We understand that this school year brings with it an extra level of nerves due to the fully virtual school environment. Please know, that in preparation for the arrival of your talented children, we have spent the summer readying ourselves by continuing to build our toolkit for virtual teaching and learning. We believe strong relationships between home and school are vital to a child's academic success and social emotional wellness. Our experienced and dedicated teachers and staff are eagerly anticipating working in partnership with you in order to meet the needs of your child and provide the space for their brilliance to shine.

To ensure a smooth transition into the virtual learning experience, we will be following a gradual entry schedule for Kindergarten students. **The gradual entry schedule is attached to this letter.**

Gradual entry will provide time for teachers to schedule virtual conferences via Google Meets with each family individually. Virtual conferences will provide an opportunity for:

- Families and teachers to introduce themselves and begin building relationships.
- Parents and caregivers to share information about their child with the classroom teacher.
- Teachers to share and review the daily schedule for virtual learning with students and parents.
- Confirm need/receival of a BCPS issued device and/or hot spot.
- Teachers to share information about the Kindergarten Gradual Entrance School Readiness Activity Packet.
- Teachers to administer required kindergarten assessments with your child.
- Assistance with creating a BCPS One Account and provide guidance on how to access instructional resources through BCPS One.

We will be in contact with you soon to schedule your virtual conference and provide you with a Google Meets Link. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 410-877-6808. We look forward to working with you and your child!

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team