

RES Family Update

February 8, 2021



Calendar:

February 8 (AA Day students)/February 11 (BB Day Students)

Grades 4 & 5 return for in-person learning on an AA/BB day schedule

February 8 - 19

Online Book Fair

February 10

No School for Pre-k/Conference Day

Elementary Conference Day

February 11

No School for Pre-kindergarten/Conference Day

February 15

No School - Presidents' Day

March 2

Board of Education March Meeting - 6 PM

March 10

Q3 Interim Reports Mailed

Online Book Fair is February 8 - 19.

The online book fair is open from 2/8-2/19/2021. The link is efairs.follettbookfairs.com and type in the code Z2DXE. The links on the webpage will take you directly to our fair, no code needed.

Students returning for in-person learning...

Posted on [January 22, 2021](#)

At [Governor Hogan's press conference](#) on Jan. 21, he strongly encouraged schools to return to in-person learning no later than March 1, and provided [updated guidance](#) to support reopening. When schools closed in late November, CCPS students in Pre-K through 3rd grade were back for in-person learning, with plans finalized for other grades to follow shortly. Nearly all staff have also

continued to work in buildings since the beginning of the school year.

Given these circumstances, CCPS is well prepared for a timely re-opening for all grades as follows:

Date Grade Schedule:

Beginning Feb. 8 4th and 5th grades AA schedule students begin Feb. 8; BB schedule students begin Feb. 1.

AA/BB Schedule Details

Families will not be able to choose an AA or BB schedule. Students will be assigned to a schedule based on bus routes. Families will be advised by the school of their student's schedule as soon as possible.

Students on the AA Schedule:

- Monday and Tuesday in the building for in-person instruction.
- Wednesday at home for an asynchronous day (same as current schedule).
- Thursday and Friday at home for synchronous virtual learning (same as current schedule).

Students on the BB Schedule:

- Monday and Tuesday at home for synchronous virtual learning (same as current schedule).
- Wednesday at home for an asynchronous day (same as current schedule).
- Thursday and Friday in the building for in-person instruction

Kajeets Smartspots

Students who were provided Kajeet Smartspots should keep those for the time being in order to have connectivity to their classrooms on their synchronous learning days at home.

Please note:

- Face coverings are required for all students ages five and over.
- Protocols for preventing the spread of COVID-19 through cleaning, self-assessment, and social distancing are detailed in the [CCPS Recovery Plan](#).

Inclement Weather Information

[Weather Days](#)

Portrait of Caroline In-person and Virtual Learner for the 2nd Semester

Caroline students are in-person and virtual learners! First semester has taught everyone a lot, and we want to share tips and best practices learned from both staff and students that will ensure second semester success.

- Learning Area: Students need a well-lighted, quiet place in their home for virtual learning.
- On-Time: Students should be on time and on schedule for in-person, synchronous, and asynchronous days.
- Charger: Devices should be charged for home and school, and kept with the device.
- Devices: Take good care of devices when in class, at home and traveling in between.

- Device cameras: Cameras help greatly with student engagement and connection to teachers and classmates! Try to leave them on as much as possible.
- Headphones: Headphones or earbuds should be kept with devices and ready for use.
- Downloading materials: Best practice is to download materials the day before an asynchronous learning day.
- Google Classroom: Log in just prior to class beginning or resuming.
- Learning materials and books: Keep these with the device for easy access.
- PowerSchool: Families (and students) should check PowerSchool on a regular basis to check attendance, grades, and assignments.
- Email: Students (and families) should check email on a regular basis.

Check with principals and school counselors for more tools and best practices for 2nd Semester Success.

February is CTE Month!

The vision of Caroline Career and Technical Education is to develop students who are R.E.A.D.Y. for College, Career and/or Military!

Check out this video to find out more about the awesome Career Technology Education Programs offered in Caroline County!

[CCPS CTE Programs Video](#)

Attendance

Good attendance is the key to School Success.

Parents and guardians, please remember even though your student(s) is not in the building learning, an absence still requires a parent or doctor note to be turned into the school within 10 days of the absence.

Notes may be emailed to the teacher or Mrs. Kellner (kellner.donna@ccpsstaff.org). As in the past, your doctor, dentist, etc. can fax a note to 410 634 1789.

If you are sending a parent note, be sure to include the reason for the absence. If you are planning a trip, notify your child's teacher prior to leaving by emailing the teacher. Teacher's will notify the office so the absence can be approved by Mr. Sutton and documented as parent note.

Technology Support:

Technology Support for students and parents. Please share with your families.

Phone: 410-479-1464

Email: support@ccpsstaff.org

LEARN ABOUT YOUR GOOGLE TOOLS! Join Lindsay Grow every Tuesday and Thursday @ 8:15 AM and 2:30 PM. Join the ZOOM with Mrs. Grow. Meeting ID: 752-625-1240.

Teacher/Support Staff of the Year...

Posted on [January 21, 2021](#)

Caroline County Public Schools is happy to announce that nominations for the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year and the Support Employee of the Year is now open. All members of the CCPS community, including staff, students, families and residents are invited to submit nominations.

Nominations for both awards must be completed and submitted no later than **February 17, 2021**.

[Teacher of the Year Form](#) – Full-time classroom, resource, or media teachers who spend the majority of their time teaching are eligible. Nominees must have completed a minimum of five years of teaching by June 2020 and be tenured. Caroline County's selection will automatically represent Caroline County in the Maryland Teacher of the Year program.

[Support Employee of the Year Form](#) – Support employees must have completed a minimum of two (2) years of service with the school system as of June 2020 and must be a regular employee. Support employees are: custodial/ maintenance staff, Family Support Services/ child development staff, Food Services staff, Health Services staff, instructional services staff, secretarial staff and technology staff and transportation staff.

For additional information, please contact Debbie Siachos, Supervisor of Human Resources, siachos.deborah@ccpsstaff.org, or Sandi Barry, Public Relations Coordinator, barry.sandra@ccpsstaff.org.

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RES Vision:

RES is a progressive community of learners collaboratively supporting each other through intentional planning in a risk-taking and trusting environment, leading to rigor, student autonomy, and mastery of content standards in all learning settings.

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