



Orange Township Public Schools
Park Avenue School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2020-2021 school year at Park Avenue School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. As you all know we are in unprecedented times, as we continue to manage life during a pandemic. We hope all of you have been staying safe over the last couple of months with your families. The Park Avenue School Community has missed all of our students and are patiently waiting the time when we can all be together again in the building.

Children may be experiencing some anxiety due to returning to school for a variety of reasons. The staff at Park Avenue would like you all to know that we will ensure the safety of your children, while providing a high quality education for all students. We will begin this school year unlike any other, but we are entering into the 2020-2021 school year with a newfound energy as we tackle educating our students virtually and through a hybrid approach to learning. There will be continued opportunities for your child to stretch themselves intellectually to improve performance in all academic areas. We will also work diligently to protect their social and emotional well being during this time.

It is going to be a great school year for the Park Avenue School community and we look forward to continuing the necessary work to take your children from “Good to Great”. The Orange Public Schools has decided to follow Plan B for our Reopening Plan and students will begin the first day of virtual learning on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and will remain home until November 25th for virtual instruction. Please see the information below regarding the phases of Plan B for our district:

- Phase 1: 100% Virtual Learning-September 8th- October 2nd
- Phase 2: 100% Virtual Learning-October 5th- November 25th (Teachers will be teaching from their classrooms two days per week.)
- Phase 3: Soft Launch-November 30th-December 23rd (Identified SWD’s, ELLs, Tier III students will return to the building on designated days and times if their parents have opted for the hybrid schedule. Remaining students will receive instruction from home. Only 25% of the school population is allowed in the building at a time.)
- Phase 4A, 4B, 4C: Full Reentry (All students can report to school following a staggered schedule to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS (Virtually)

- o **OECC (includes students from Cleveland Street School), located 397 Park Avenue**
- o **Scholars Academy, located at 268 Capuchin Way**
- o **Forest Street School, located 651 Forest Street**
- o **Heywood Avenue School, located at 421 Heywood Avenue**
- o **Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue**
- o **Oakwood Avenue School, located at 135 Oakwood Avenue**

o **Park Avenue School, located at 231 Park Avenue**

o **Rosa Parks Community School, located at 369 Main Street**

Serving times for BOTH breakfast and lunch are organized by last name:

o **A-F: 7:30am – 8:00am**

o **G-L: 8:00am – 8:30am**

o **M-R: 8:30am – 9:00am**

o **S-Z: 9:00am – 9:30am**

Please be reminded of the importance of social distancing when reporting to all locations. It is important to note, once students receive their breakfast/lunch grab and go bags it is the expectation to return to their respective homes.

- All classes will begin promptly at 8:30 am and students must sign into their scheduled Google Meet session on time.
- Grab and Go Breakfast will be provided at PAS Monday-Friday for all students from 7:30 am -1:30 pm. A schedule will be provided for pickup of breakfast and lunch.

DISMISSAL

- During Phase 1 & Phase 2, all classes will end promptly at 12:30 pm. Student schedules will be available during the last week of August.
- When students begin coming into the building during Phase 3, they will be dismissed following the schedule that has been provided for the 2020-2021 school year.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students should dress appropriately whether they are in a school setting or working virtually from home. In the school setting, uniforms must be worn daily. Sneakers must be worn for physical education classes. In the virtual setting, students are not allowed to wear pajamas during their classes. They may wear a shirt, pants, skirt, or dresses. Shirts with inappropriate graphics or language will not be allowed.

STUDENT ABSENCES

During virtual learning, students will be required to participate in their scheduled Google Meet Sessions to be declared present for the day. Upon returning to the building, parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to Park Avenue School Secretary, at 973-677-4124. The district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

FORMS

Important forms will be sent electronically to parents for completion.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS/BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Park Avenue School will host a parent information session on Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 pm, where we will provide information about our reopening and be available to answer any questions you may have about the return to school. Our Back to School Night will take place on Monday, September 18, 2020 from 6-8pm. We encourage all families to attend these events to stay well informed.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL EVENTS

Park Avenue School will continue to provide our students with opportunities to allow for socializing and connecting to their peers and teachers. School spirit week and pride day activities will take place each week

virtually. We encourage our students, parents, and staff to participate in these activities to build a sense of community.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Park Avenue School is to provide a positive and safe learning environment where all students acquire the academic knowledge and skills to ensure a future of achievement and to instill the core values of responsibility, respect, empathy, and integrity.

Park Avenue School stakeholders are committed to developing and preparing students to become college and career ready in the 21st Century through a rigorous academic program designed with thematic units of study and curriculum mapping.

Looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Educationally yours,

Dr. Myron A. Hackett, Principal

