

Nu'uanu PCNC EBlast to Families: Principal Toyooka Message - Changes in August 17th Start of School - A MUST READ

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Aloha Parents/Guardians;

By now you should all know that school will not reopen to students as first proposed on August 17th. However, you should also know that school will not be completely closed to students either.

The week of August 17th to 20th has been designated as 'Ohana Training. There will be planned activities which will be strictly voluntary and parents must arrange with the teacher to schedule a date and time for your child before going to school. Teachers will be confirming dates and topics to be discussed when they have confirmed their activities. Scheduling with your teacher will be very important as we do not want more than four students present in the classroom at one time. We will be honoring social distancing and school protocol, so parents will not be allowed to go into the classroom.

I am unable to give you full and exact details on what that week will look like at this time, but will inform you next week. Reason for this uncertainty is that I will need to meet with the teachers and staff first and together make our plans. All activities during 'Ohana Training week will be a school decision so discussing it with my teachers and staff is a must.

I can say that part of that week, students will be allowed to come to school and meet and talk to their teachers. However, that is not the primary reason. The main purpose of this week is for the teachers to assess the ability and comfort level of their students using computers, school programs, or other concerns. Distribution of classroom materials, books, worksheets, etc., might also be given to families, but this might be done/offered before August 17th. The possible distribution of laptops to families who require them will also be discussed. Students will not remain on campus all day, but only a few hours, or less. This time is not meant for teachers to give instructions but serves as a modified orientation time.

Lunch will be offered, but all meals will be on a grab and go basis. No eating will be allowed in the cafe. If you are interested in getting a meal for your child, please call the office at 595-5422, to place an order before 8:45 a.m. in the morning that you plan to come to school. If you are not on free/reduced status you will be charged the regular student price so be sure you have enough funds in their lunch account.

The Full Distance Learning official start time frame is from August 24th to September 11th, but it might start earlier, depending on the teacher. If schools are to remain closed longer, the decision to start full distance learning will likely be made on September 8.

Thank you so much for bearing with the school, all the changes that we have been through, and sometimes confusing messages. COVID-19 and all this social unrest is like nothing we have ever experienced before so we have to pull together, adjust and keep moving forward as best as possible for the sake of all our children.

Mahalo,

James Toyooka

