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Dear Logan Elementary School Families:

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I am thrilled to welcome all of our incoming 2nd graders, returning 3rd through 5th graders and all new students to Logan Elementary School and I want to thank all of you for your support and understanding thus far with the decision to begin the school year in a remote environment. The excitement and enthusiasm that comes with a new school year is building and although we will not be meeting in person for the first marking period, we are ready to meet the challenge of this remote school opening. Your children are our most important resource and we are confident that they will have a successful year.

Today, parent access to ALMA will be available at 4:00 PM. Click this [link](#) for directions on how to access your Alma parent account. When you log into your child's account, you will be able to see their teacher(s). In grades 3-5, the partner teaching approach is our instructional model where the class switches teachers for core academic subjects. Grades 3 and 4 have one teacher for English Language Arts and one teacher for Math/Science/Social Studies. Grade 5 has one teacher for English Language Arts/Social Studies and one teacher for Math/Science. Second grade students have one classroom teacher for all core academic subjects.

The following is a sample of the remote learning schedule students in grades 2-5 will follow.

LES Sample Remote Learning Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:25	Homeroom/Attendance				
8:25-8:45	8:25-8:45 Sanford Harmony/Morning Meeting				
8:45-10:15	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS
10:45-12:15	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS	ELA or Math/Science or SS

12:15-1:15	Lunch/Recess
1:15-2:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will complete 50 minutes of i-Ready activities/lessons per week in ELA and Math. Students will engage in asynchronous and live sessions for their special area subject and PE. There will be one live session for their special area and one live session for PE each week as well as two asynchronous assignments for each subject.
2:15-3:05	

A few things to note about this year's classes and schedule:

- Class lists were formed with two major priorities in mind. As much as possible, clusters of students were kept together in a cohort so that teachers only have to communicate with a small group of colleagues to learn about their prior year experiences. For example, a third grade ELA teacher will only need to talk to one or perhaps two 2nd grade teachers to determine what skill areas might need to be re-emphasized in third grade due to the abrupt change to remote learning last March. The second parameter was ensuring that students have access to all the learning supports within the classroom that they need.
- The above is a sample schedule. Next week, you will receive a copy of your child's specific schedule which will indicate which time slot they will have ELA or Math and the days and times their live sessions for the special area subject and PE.
- There is a 30 minute "brain" break between 10:15 and 10:45 which is a great time to use the restroom, grab a snack, and incorporate some type of movement.
- Students will have their assigned teachers for the year regardless of whether we are completely remote, in a hybrid model or are able at some point to transition back into full time in-person instruction.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and there will be some important things for you and your child to do differently in preparation for this first day of school. Please try to use this checklist as a way to ensure you are all ready to go.

- Log into your child's school Google account. All students have school-issued Google credentials they will use to access the Google Suite. Your child's username and password will be the same as last year, if you are new to the district or you are unsure of their credentials please see the link below. Students in grades 2 and 3 do not actively use email, but they will have Google accounts to access apps like Google Docs, Slides and Classroom. Students in grades 4 and 5 will use the email account to communicate with their teachers. As a safety precaution, they can only receive emails from Logan Township domain addresses and cannot email other students, only their teachers. The following link is a reminder of how to access student account information:
[Logan Township Username and Password Information Document](#)
- Google Classroom is the platform being used for daily assignments and Google Meet invitations. If you and/or your child are unfamiliar with Google Classroom the following link is a short video explaining Google Classroom. [Google Classroom Video](#)
- Establish the area where your child will work. Make sure the background is appropriate and all materials are available. This would include the materials that you have purchased from the supply list, as well as the things you will pick up on September 3 or 4 (details coming out soon!).
- Read the norms for remote learning that will come out from the district. It is important that we are all on the same page when it comes to expectations for students (and staff and parents) as we navigate the opening of school.

- Look for emails from your child's teachers. These will ask your child to join a Google Classroom for each class so that they will be able to be ready to go on Day 1!

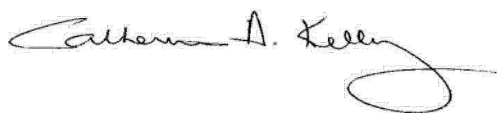
Finally, I am going to ask for your help. Our staff and students did an amazing job in March to the end of the school year, but we need to do even better starting in September! I am asking that all families do their very best to follow the schedule assigned to their child. This means attending Live lessons each day on-time and doing assignments such as i-Ready and recorded special area and PE lessons during the allotted times. It is important for all of us to follow a schedule and create habits that support the acquisition of soft skills (time management, study habits, and so on) as well as the ability to transition easily to hybrid instruction when the time comes.

Next week you will be receiving a copy of your child's specific schedule from me and further information regarding remote learning and the norms we will be following, answers to frequently asked questions, and information regarding the distribution of chromebooks and student supplies will be coming out from Mrs. Haney.

On behalf of the LES staff, I thank you for your support and we look forward to working with your children during the upcoming year. I have always believed that a school is not defined by the building in which it stands, but by the people within it who create the relationships and community. Logan Elementary School has amazing students and an amazing staff and with all of us working together I have no doubt it will be a remarkable school year!

Enjoy these remaining days of summer and we look forward to seeing your child(ren) on Tuesday, September 8.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine A. Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and has a large, stylized loop at the end.

Catherine Kelly
Principal