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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's with great excitement that I'm writing to you today to officially welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year! Oh, how I wish I could say that we are all back in person and learning as normal, but that isn't where we are yet, but I still stay hopeful that we can come together even if it is virtually for a while. What hasn't changed is our goal to make *this year the best ever*. What does that mean? It means that every child has an exceptional teacher, they are part of the school staff where we champion for them and for families. It means that students are learning and growing both academically and socially. It means their lives are enriched through their education and the experiences provided throughout the day. It means everyone feels safe. Our school mission remains the same, Growth Matters, Caring Counts, and Positivity Prevails, and this year more than ever remaining positive and supporting these beliefs is going to be most important. The list could go on and on. We're all going to have to work together, have patience in the processes, and embrace the new challenges as opportunities.

We know that significant changes produce a stress response. Our Vern Patrick community; families, students, and teachers are all going through personal and professional change. We all process this differently in terms of pace and intensity. Our school wants to support you throughout the year. We're here for you. If you're in need of specific resources, please call our front office and we'll coordinate a specific staff member to connect with you.

Teachers by their nature are adaptable; kids more so! I have confidence that as we learn our new systems and new ways of operating - we'll eventually get to the place of comfort, stability, and confidence. At that point, we'll be able to seize the opportunity to grow! All of this won't be without fits and starts. Knowing that parents, students, and teachers are all in this together, with a common goal of looking back and saying, "this was the best year ever," invigorates me!

Attached is a broad overview of some of the most important and impactful changes that will occur once students are able to return to the building for in-person learning. Additionally, I'm linking a commonly asked question template for parents to gather further information. Please understand that we do not have all the answers at this time, nor control of several factors that you may or may not agree with, but together we can achieve great results.

Warmly,  
Jennifer Hesse - Principal

***Growth Matters - Caring Counts - Positive Attitudes Prevail***

As we get closer to school opening (when we meet the Metrics) I will be sending home more information in regards to on-site school procedures and safeguards such as arrival and dismissal procedures, protocols, in-class learning, etc. In the meantime, our focus is on the Comprehensive Learning Component and learning virtually online for all students. Please make sure you have your Chromebook and a learning space for your child(ren) ready to go for the first day of school.

Attached you will find some helpful information, but please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns. Ways to stay connected: Sign up for ParentVue, ensure your email and phone number is up to date, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram or check out our school website.

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### **Helpful Resources:**

[Elementary Student Comprehensive Distance Learning \(CDL\) Schedule](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) (English)

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) (Spanish)

[How to pay for Chromebook Insurance](#) (English)

[How to pay for Chromebook Insurance](#) (Spanish)

### **Important Dates/Reminders:**

- **Daily Breakfast/Lunch Pick-Up:**
  - Driveway in the back of VP from 10:30-11:15
  - (This is free for all VP students and will start the 1st day of school)
- **Learning Kits and Chromebook/Hot Spot Pick Up:**
  - Tuesday, September 8th, 1:00 PM -5:00 PM & Wednesday, September 9th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **First Day of School for ALL Students (virtually):**
  - Thursday, September 10th @ 8:45 AM
- **Family Meet n Greets w/Teacher:**
  - Thursday, September 10th, Friday, September 11th, and Monday, September 14th
  - To be scheduled by the teacher and will be either in person or virtually