August 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust that all of the Mayfair Elementary School family has enjoyed the summer break with family and friends. Here at Mayfair, we are busy working to ensure a smooth start to our school year, which will begin on September 2nd.

As our Superintendent Dr. Hite announced this month, all Philadelphia Public Schools, including Mayfair, will operate remotely to begin the school year, through at least November 17th. While we will all meet virtually again to begin the academic year, this version of remote instruction will look significantly different than what was presented during the Spring of 2020.

While all of the final details are being worked out as we speak, I wanted to share some basic foundational principles that will guide our instructional year.

- Students will attend a full school day virtually
- Teachers will teach a blend of live, daily instruction to all students, with independent assignments to be completed during class time
- Breaks will be provided for lunch
- Expressive arts (art, music, computer science, physical education, etc) classes will be rostered and scheduled
- Attendance is required daily and for all classes
- Student assignments and attendance will be monitored and graded during the remote learning phase

Also, it is important to note that the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework will still be implemented here at Mayfair during the virtual learning phase. I know how important it is to our families that Mayfair is an IB school, and rest assured that this important instructional methodology will continue. Our IB coordinators have received guidance throughout the summer from the IB central offices in regards to remote learning. IB schools across the globe are in a similar virtual situation as Mayfair, and are adapting the program to ensure this important program continues. IB is what makes Mayfair unique, and that will not change!

We are currently compiling our master schedule and enrolling our existing Mayfair students to courses as we speak. Further, registration will open this Monday August 17th for any families who need to enroll new students at Mayfair. If you have children to register who do not attend Mayfair currently, please visit www.philasd.org on August 17th for more information.

As new information is determined, I will be sure to inform our wonderful school community. Until then, please enjoy the last few weeks of summer as we work to ensure your child continues to receive a quality instructional program unique to an IB school like Mayfair.

Sincerely,

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