

Subject to Change Per CCS Guidance

August 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

We are looking forward to an awesome 2020-2021 school year at Glendale Acres Elementary School. It will be a very exciting and fulfilling year full of rigorous instruction and high academic achievement. The first 6 weeks of school (August 17 until September 25) will be online and your child is expected to join his/her teacher for daily online instruction. Listed below are some details regarding this year's remote learning experience:

- **Daily Learning Schedule:** A daily learning schedule has been established for elementary, middle and high schools, which includes LIVE learning time with teachers, independent work time for students, student breaks to manage attention span, and time to visit the district's meal sites for lunch. Your child's daily learning schedule will be shared with you.
- **Canvas Learning Management System:** The online district-wide learning management system for student instruction will provide interactive learning, align assignments, house lecture recordings, quizzes/exams, and provide online grading. We will also be providing information on accessing canvas remotely and additional instructional tutorials such as: Successmaker and Istation.
- **Grading:** The district will use a uniform grading structure that aligns with Board policy and assures that student assignments, quizzes and assessments are balanced and provide quality feedback.
- **Device and Instructional Materials Distribution:** The distribution of devices and instructional materials will occur the week of August 10. About 80 school buses will be outfitted with internet connectivity to serve as hotspots and will be strategically placed in areas throughout the community to make certain students have access. A helpline will be established to assist families that encounter any technology challenges.
- **Services for Special Populations:** Academically/Intellectually Gifted, English As A Second Language, Exceptional Children and Pre-Kindergarten services will be provided throughout the remote-learning experience.

We have some new additions to the Glendale family. Please welcome three wonderful teachers; Mrs. Lydia Hyer, Mrs. Heather Nichols and Mrs. Mary Suggs. They all bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to add to both kindergarten and second grade; and we are thrilled to have them join us.

As you have probably heard, we will begin the year with six weeks of remote instruction following the guidance of Plan C. Because of the current restrictions we will have our Back to School Fair virtually and information will be available on our school website <http://gaes.ccs.k12.nc.us/> and twitter website [@GlendaleRocks](https://twitter.com/GlendaleRocks). We also want to encourage our families to purchase PTA Membership and School Spirit items. It is our belief that parents are our biggest and most important partners in educating our students. We need your support. Please make plans to join our PTA this year.

The first day of school is Monday, August 17, 2020. The school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:55 p.m. Students will be assigned to a homeroom teacher and class placement may be subject to change at any time in order to meet individual needs and class size.

Since we will be teaching virtually starting the year, every student will be loaned a device. Parents will need to sign for them during our device pickup dates. In addition to receiving your device, you will also receive supplemental curricular resource materials, CCS student code of conduct and student workbooks. Our device pickup dates and times are Tuesday, August 11 from 9-12 am and Wednesday, August 13 from 4 - 7 pm.

Virtual Open House will be held on Thursday, August 13 from 2pm - 4pm. Each letter will have your child's name and the assigned teacher in order for you to communicate with your child's teacher and receive additional information to connect to ClassDojo. You will also receive important, upcoming events and information from your child's teacher. Each teacher will provide a day and time for you to meet with them virtually for a brief meet and greet session.

In order for our kindergarten students and parents to get more acclimated with the virtual process and bond with their teachers, we will have a kindergarten staggered entry. This means only half of the students will attend on the first two days. If your child is a kindergartener, their start date will be indicated on this letter with the teacher assignment. All kindergarten students will attend on August 19th

As we prepare to navigate this journey of virtual learning together, please know that we continue to be committed to providing your child with quality instruction and rigorous learning opportunities. Though our format of instruction may have changed, our mission remains the same..... "At Glendale Acres, we will provide a safe and caring environment that will ensure success and nothing less!!! We are Glendale Strong!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 910-484-9031. Thank you in advance for your support.

The classroom assignment for your child for the 2020-2021 school year is:

Ms. Brown- Room B3

Dr. Julie Dees, Principal

P.S. - Please note that your child's teacher could change due to enrollment growth or reduction. Please consider participating in the following for our PTA to receive funds: Harris Teeter's *Together in Education* Program –Link or Re-Link (annually) your VIC card to Glendale Acres' number: **1924**. Designate Glendale Acres PTA to receive donations from your eligible AmazonSmiles purchases. Thank you!



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