Deer Park Elementary School's Opening Information

Arrival - First bell 8:20 a.m., Second bell 8:35 a.m.

Dismissal 3:20 p.m.

We are looking forward to full five day in-person instruction for 2021-2022! We will continue to communicate important information and updates. Here are some important reminders to help you and your child prepare for returning to the building:

Use this site to find all resources related to COVID for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures Arrival:

- All students enter the building using the assigned entrance. (PreK, K, 1 and 3 enter in the front of the building. They are to line up behind their grade level sign. Grades 2, 4, 5 enter on the side of the building by the parking lot. They are to line up behind their grade level sign.)
- Carpool students are to be dropped off in the area by the parking lot in the morning. The front loop is for BUSES ONLY in the morning.
- Students should proceed directly to their classrooms in a quiet and orderly manner one grade at a time as directed by teacher on duty.

Dismissal:

All students are dismissed from their homerooms.
 Students who are walkers in grades 3-5 are dismissed from their classroom back doors by the playground.
 Students in grades K-2 are walked down to the door by the fifth-grade classes. Car riders are dismissed in the front of the building.

Screening & Testing (Safety is Our True North)

- All families should screen students for symptoms prior to leaving home.
- Please use this <u>checklist</u> to determine if a student should or should not go to school.
- Persons with COVID-19 symptoms in school will be required to be tested or will be placed on quarantine, in alignment with guidance from the Maryland Department of Health.

Face Covering (Safety is Our True North)

Requirements: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering while inside a school. Exceptions to this requirement are:

- The person is alone in a private space.
- The person is eating or drinking.
- The person has a documented physical or developmental disability that makes wearing a mask unsafe.
- The person is under the age of two.

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The person is a student athlete engaged in the sport in the field of play.

Hand Hygiene (Safety is Our True North)

Requirements: Employees and students have been instructed to adhere to best practices in hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Times for handwashing or use of hand sanitizer to include before and after meals, upon arrival to schools' offices and home, before and after use of any shared items, after use of the restroom, after sneezing/coughing and other time hands are contaminated.

Social Distancing (Safety is Our True North)

Requirements: Physical distancing of students from each other and between students and adults will be provided to the greatest extent possible, considering school enrollment and facility constraints. Strategies include:

- Use of classroom and cafeteria configurations that provide maximal separation between students.
- Plans for arrival, dismissal and change of classes to reduce gathering of students in any area.
- Restriction of field trips to day trips only, with plans to reduce exposure to large crowds.
- Plans for supervision of restrooms, locker rooms, and school lockers to prevent congregation of students.

Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast – Meals are packaged in individual bags, ready to hand to students.

- Meals are eaten in the classroom.
- Grab and go pre-packaged breakfast meal available to all at no cost

Lunch –One entree is available daily – yogurt box will be a substitute option. Entree, cold veggies & fruit, milk, condiments, napkins and plasticware will be in each individual student bag.

- Students can receive a no cost lunch or bring a packed lunch.
- No money is necessary, as no snacks are available for sale, and all meals are free for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.
- There is no option for classroom delivery.
- Students will be seated 12 students to a table.
- Distancing arrows will be on the floor in the serving line and will indicate 6 feet apart social distance.



Supplies & Devices:

Devices

Check your tech! As the 2021-2022 school year approaches, it's time to make sure your technology is in good working order! Please call the help desk at 443.809.4672 or enter a <u>ticket</u> to report an issue with your device or your password as soon as possible. Issues to report include damage, won't start up, missing charger, etc. These issues could also include a forgotten or non-working BCPS password.

The start of the school year is a very busy time for the BCPS Tech Support Team and there may be significant delays if you wait to request help or report an issue. Act now if you need tech support so the start of the new school year can be a smooth one technologically! Please charge your device nightly.

Supplies -

- Fully charged Device
- 2 Face Coverings (1 worn, 1 back-up)
- Water bottle
- Backpack
- Clothing appropriate for the weather for breaks, recess,
 And outdoor learning where appropriate.
- Please see supply lists for each grade level.

Visitors (<u>Safety is Our True North</u>)

- To visit a BCPS school, visitors must have an appointment.
- Visits will be conducted remotely or outside, whenever possible.
- If an indoor visit is required, visitors will be required to wear a face coverings and practice social distancing.
- The number of people admitted to the building will be limited.

Athletics (Secondary)/Extra Curriculars

- This <u>site</u> contains current information for mitigation related to athletics in BCPS.
- Updates for extra-curricular activities will be communicated through regular school-wide communication channels and our website as they become available.

Cleaning/Disinfecting (Safety is Our True North)

Requirements: BCPS staff will continue to provide safe and clean school environments by ensuring daily cleaning of buildings using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved germicidal agents that kill coronavirus. BCPS staff will:

- Perform frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-contact surfaces and any shared items, at least daily.
- Promote hand washing before and after touch of shared use items
- Maintain sufficient supplies of soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer.