Welcome Back Rogers’ Students and Families:

We are so excited to welcome our students and families back to learning on Monday, August 31. Although we will spend the first nine weeks of our school year in distance learning, I want you to know that the Rogers’ team will be here to support your student in his or her learning journey. I know that you likely have many questions about the upcoming school year, and I hope that this message will help you prepare for a strong start to the year ahead.

Your student’s distance learning experience will include a combination of real-time instruction using Zoom, self-directed learning, and activities accessed through our Canvas digital learning platform, and opportunities for college- and career-readiness activities. Distance-learning does not mean that your child will sit in front of a computer screen all day. The graphic below provides an example of what a learning day might look like in the secondary grades. Some students will learn in-person in small groups. If your student qualifies for those supports, our Exceptional Students team will contact you. We will post our daily learning schedule on our web and Facebook page. We will also email it to parents via School Messenger and provide a paper copy during Rogers’ schedule during Back to School Week (Aug. 31-Sept. 4).

At Rogers, our instructional day - even in distance learning - will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:11 PM. While our distance learning program is designed to be flexible, based on the needs of each family, it is essential that your student attends his or her live classes as much as possible. Not only do live classes give your child a chance to ask questions and participate in discussions in real-time, but these are also opportunities for students to stay connected with their peers. At Rogers, student experiences will include:

- College Summit class focused on developing the soft skills necessary for college success.
- Advance course work in English and Social Studies.
- A wide variety of virtual after-school activities.
- Athletic programs, when permitted.
- A staff committed to ensuring you build relationships between students and families.
- An inclusive environment that celebrates diversity and fosters inclusion.

You can find general information about distance learning in our district at [www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning](http://www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning). Please also bookmark Rogers’ website at [https://rogers.tulsaschools.org/](http://https://rogers.tulsaschools.org/) and check back often for updates. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube at Tulsa Will Rogers. If you have any questions regarding your middle school student, please feel free to reach out to one of the following people:

- **Counselors**
  - Kim Byrd, Grade 6-7 Counselor, [byrdki@tulsaschools.org](mailto:byrdki@tulsaschools.org) (918) 833-9057
  - Daren Hildreth, Grade 8-9 Counselor, [hildrda@tulsaschools.org](mailto:hildrda@tulsaschools.org) (918) 833-9034
  - Edward Perry, Grade 10-11 Counselor, [perryed@tulsaschools.org](mailto:perryed@tulsaschools.org) (918) 833-9000 ext. 27084
  - Eric Walker, Grade 12 Counselor, [walkeer@tulsaschools.org](mailto:walkeer@tulsaschools.org) (918) 833-9002
  - Ann Piper, Middle School Lead Principal, [piperan@tulsaschools.org](mailto:piperan@tulsaschools.org) (505) 259-0659
  - Nikki Dennis, Principal (6-12), [dennini@tulsaschools.org](mailto:dennini@tulsaschools.org) (918) 833-9005

We look forward to having a productive and rewarding year.

Always,

Nikki Dennis, Principal
Tulsa Will Rogers