



CHADDS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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A community focused on educating every child, while respecting tradition and embracing innovation.

September 2, 2020

Reminders and Updates:

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year!

School placements letters have been opened on PowerSchool and that brings the excitement of checking in with friends to see who is in the same class! We hope this excitement continues as we get closer to the start of school on Tuesday, September 8th. At Chadds Ford we are eagerly awaiting the start of school. We are excited to 'see' our students and families, you are what energizes us for the important work we do this school year, to learn and grow together! Please review the following updates to help prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school year

Curriculum Kit Distribution Day:

Our plan for pick up of curriculum kits, which include student technology, is designed to be contact-free and as efficient as possible. We will have designated blocks of time based on the student's last name in an effort to manage the number of families picking up during each window.

Be aware that the curriculum kits are quite robust and contain very detailed information about the included technology. Teachers will also have information included in the bags about student materials. Don't feel overwhelmed, we will walk the students through how and when to use the materials. Please carefully review the materials inside and reach out if you have any questions.

A member of each family should arrive sometime within the time block listed below.

- **September 3rd from 8:30 am - 10:30 am - Last names beginning with letters A - K**
- **September 3rd from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Last names beginning with letter L - Z**
- **If you miss your time slot you are welcome to come to the school anytime on September 3rd between 8:30-2:00 pm.**

If you cannot pick up materials on September 3rd, please contact Jeanine McCloskey (jmcloskey@ucfsd.net) to make future arrangements.

The pickup process will go as follows:

Before coming to Chadds Ford

- Write your child's last name in large bold letters clearly on a piece of paper

- If you have multiple children please indicate first names as well

Arriving at Chadds Ford

- Pull up to the front of the building, similar to student drop off, near the flagpole towards the main entrance of Chadds Ford during the assigned time block
- Display the sign with your last name in the window of your car and open your trunk
- Our team members will communicate by radios to have bags of materials, curriculum kits brought to your vehicle
- One of our team members will place bags of materials, curriculum kits, in your trunk
- Pull out of the parking lot and have a great start to the 2020-2021 school year!

Please remain in your car during this process. Our staff will be wearing masks and will do the best we can to make sure this stays safe and moves as quickly and efficiently as possible. ***The curriculum kits are heavy, please be patient with our staff while they are delivering the materials to your trunks.***

Thanks for your help and support throughout this process. If you have any questions, please let us know!

School-Wide Sneak-A-Peek:

We will be hosting a virtual opportunity for our CFES students to meet their new teacher and greet a few classmates on **Thursday, September 3rd.**

- **Kindergarten, Pre-First, First and Second grades** will participate during the **2:30-3:00** time block
- **Third, Fourth and Fifth grades** will participate during the **3:00-3:30** time block

Teachers will not have a formal presentation but will meet and greet the students to assist in guiding them through the transition back to school. Details will be provided in the near future by classroom teachers.

Parent Orientation Night:

On **Wednesday, September 16th** we welcome families to participate in our virtual orientation night. At this time you will be able to learn more about your child's teacher and the in and outs of the grade level. For families who have the challenge of visiting multiple teachers, we hope that parents can attend either Session I or Session II. We do understand that some parents may need to leave the session early to participate in another session virtually. Again, we hope that the sessions will provide both the teacher and parents with time to learn about the upcoming school year. If you are unable to attend the orientation, please know that all presentations will be recorded for teachers to share with families.

Schedule:

6:00-6:30 pm Special Area Teachers, Related Services, Specialist

6:30-7:00 pm Session I

7:00-7:10 pm Break

7:10-7:40 pm Session II

**More details about orientation night will be provided as the event nears.*

Link to School Year Calendar

<https://www.ucfsd.org/calendars>

Attendance

[PDE Attendance in 2020-2021 Guidance](#)

In order for a child to receive the maximum benefit from school, regular attendance is a must. Students will be expected to participate daily in synchronous and asynchronous instruction in all subject areas including ELA, math, science, social studies, special areas, and related services and supports. Student attendance will be monitored based on student participation in course work and synchronous instruction.

[See UCFSD Board Policy 204.](#)

If your child will be absent from school:

Please contact the school attendance line 610.388.1112 extension 4 and send an email to cfeattendance@ucfsd.net for absence notices. Notifications of absences should be made prior to the start of the school day by 9:10 am. Any child who is absent and has not notified the school will receive the automated phone call at 10:40 am to verify attendance.

Social-Emotional Check In

With the help of our district-wide behavioral health team it is important to us that your child(ren) and your family are being supported during these times. Please consider completing this [survey](#) to communicate with Chadds Ford's school counselor, Lisa Yackel, lyackel@ucfsd.net about how we can help and support our school community.

Survey: <https://forms.gle/sgQ9rXCAUjwokZwV9>

Tips for Starting the School Year

- Make the first day of school, September 8th, just as special this year as any other year. Take your child's picture, share it with us, and make a big deal about the first day of school! Starting on a positive note will help ease the transition to being in school mode.
- Consider setting a schedule for your child with bedtimes and wake up times to make sure they are getting the rest they need to stay healthy and engaged.

- Create a space for learning, organize materials, be flexible, and have fun. We are here to learn and grow together.
- Reach out for support, we are here to help!

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Best regards,

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