

October 26, 2020

Dear Walt Disney Families,

At last week's School Board Meeting, the Pennsbury School Board voted to have all children in PreK - 2nd grade return to school on November 12, 2020 and all children in 3rd - 5th grade return on December 7, 2020. Here is some important information that you should know. Families were surveyed last week and were provided with the option of choosing a hybrid model or a remote learning model.

- Remote Learning Model (remote learning will continue 5 days a week from home)
- Hybrid has the following requirements which follow the [District Health and Safety Plan](#):
 - Masks will be worn all day, except when eating and during a mask break (cannot exceed five minutes)
 - Students will carry all instructional materials and Chromebooks to school on assigned days
 - Students will still continue the synchronous and asynchronous classwork on their chromebook in the room with the teacher.
 - Students will eat lunch in the classroom
 - Students will not be permitted to use equipment during recess and must remain distanced from each other.
 - Teachers will be teaching students at home and in front of them the same way they are now.
 - Students will be divided into A and B groups: Group A students will be in school on Monday and Tuesday. Group A students will be learning remotely from home Wednesday through Friday. Group B students will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday and learning from home Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Frequently Asked Questions

My child has a personal device at home. Will my child need a district issued Chromebook if they are returning to school in the hybrid model? Yes, all students that will be returning to school will need a district issued device. If you do not have a Pennsbury School District Chromebook already, please click [HERE](#) to learn more about obtaining a district issued Chromebook.

When will parents/guardians be notified about A/B groupings? We are currently analyzing the survey data. Parents/guardians will be emailed with their student grouping information before the beginning of next week. Due to the fact that some families have children across multiple schools, we will try our best to make sure families stay on the same rotation day. In some cases this may not be possible based upon individual student's needs.

What will the school hours be? School will remain from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM on both hybrid and remote learning days. Students will not be permitted to enter the school prior to 8:40 AM. Students will enter the building and go immediately to their homeroom. Homeroom will be from 8:45 - 9:00 AM. Students entering the building at 9:00 AM or later will be tardy and must stop in the office to get a late pass to homeroom.

How will students know how far apart 6 feet is? Markings are on the floor to indicate six feet spacing between students.

Will my child leave the classroom for special area classes? All special area classes with the exception of Physical Education class will take place in your child's homeroom.

What will lunch and recess look like? Students will eat lunch in their classrooms as our cafeteria can not hold more than 20 students at one time. Students will have the opportunity to purchase lunch at school. Students will walk to the cafeteria to purchase a "Grab and Go" meal and return immediately to their classroom. Recess will be outdoor weather permitting. Students will not be able to use the playground equipment or other shared equipment such as balls, jump ropes, etc.

Will my child need to transport items back and forth between home and school if in the hybrid model? Yes, students will be asked to carry materials including their Chromebook back and forth between home and school.

Will my child's schedule change again? We are well aware that the last thing everyone needs is another schedule change. There may be some slight changes in grade level schedules to accommodate lunch and recess schedules. If schedules will be changed, parents/guardians will be notified.

Will transportation be offered to families that do not reside within walking distance to the school? Yes, transportation will be provided as usual. Students will need to wear a mask on the bus and no more than two students are permitted per seat. Students will be assigned seats on the bus.

My child is NOT in PreK - 2nd grade, but is a special education student. Will my child be returning to school on November 12th? No, only students in grades PreK - 2nd grade that have elected the hybrid model and those students in district wide specialized classrooms will return on November 12th. Walt Disney Elementary School does NOT have district wide specialized classrooms, therefore all students that attend Walt Disney Elementary will return to school with their grade level peers if they chose the hybrid model.

I did not complete the survey. Can I still complete it? At this time, I am no longer checking the survey responses. If you have not completed the survey, please email me directly and let me know whether you are choosing hybrid or remote learning for your child. If we do not receive a response, your child will be placed in the hybrid model.

If students are using Google Classroom and their Chromebook on in person instruction days through the hybrid model will students need headphones in

school? Yes, all students will need a good set of headphones to use in school. Headphones are a standard supply item that appears on the supply list each year.

I know there are a lot of unknowns and many questions that have yet to be answered. Please continue to check your email frequently for additional emails from the school. We thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate through these challenging times.

Thank you,

Laurie A. Ruffing, Principal