

PUBLIC SCHOOL 23



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Dear PS 23 Families;

As you are already aware, our classrooms will be going **LIVE** on Monday, March 23, 2020. On this day you will need to have your child log into their Google Classroom(s) if they have not already done so. Each child has been given their @ps23eagles.com username and password. This is the central line of communication for our "Learn at Home sessions, for as long as we are not physically in the school building. If you have trouble, please use Remind messaging to let your child's teacher know. There are several tutorials we can share with you.

	This is the app for Google Classroom. It is an app for iPad and cell phones and web-based for computer usage. Classroom.google.com
	Remind

Communication with the classroom teacher is KEY and will continue to be done through Remind messaging. The teachers will be available for 2 blocks of time each day for your questions to be answered. The teacher's available times will be posted in their Google Classroom. We are trying to accommodate you with a morning and afternoon availability session, especially for parents who are also working from home and need flexibility.

The education of your child is NECESSARY and important to us and will be continuing through a virtual learning model on Google Classroom. Children will receive instruction daily and must attend, complete work and participate. A daily schedule will be laid out for you to help keep your child(ren) on top of their schoolwork and learning. Our Science, Physical Education and ENL teachers (ENL is only for English Language Learners) all have their own Google Classrooms which students are expected to check regularly, during each day. Please make sure they join each separate Google Classroom. There are links for Art and Computer instruction on classroom teacher's Google Classrooms for your child as well. We will link several web-based programs, online resources, and videos to our Google Classrooms during the next few weeks.

Some assignments will be student-paced. Others will have due dates and need to be submitted to teachers by a certain date for review. We are committed to making the most of this time and need your cooperation. It is

important that we work together to ensure that students are actively working on all of their assignments daily in order to maintain the continuity of instruction. Our goal at this time is to keep our children actively learning and ready for whatever this year may bring. The skills they will be attaining through digital learning will prepare them for the same models used in High School, College and possibly their careers.

Please know that we are here to support you and the students during this time. We hope that you and your families remain healthy. Here are some tips to be successful in the next few weeks.

1. Set up a work-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete their work. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, etc. — within reach. If you have more than one child, they should have their own area to do work.
2. Try to schedule school work in a consistent manner each day. We strongly suggest following the regular school day schedule and routines. Children thrive with routines, it will make this a more pleasant experience for all.
3. Have children go to bed at their regular “school night” bedtimes. Have children wake up for a “regular school day” and get ready following typical routines. Help your child to make a plan. Help or encourage your child to break up the work into manageable chunks.
4. Build-in time for breaks throughout their learning, especially for physical activity. Remember, students have a set lunchtime at school. Make a home schedule.
5. Keep distractions to a minimum. This means TV, loud music, or long phone calls, texting, etc.
6. Make sure your child does his/her own work, as much as possible. Children won't learn if he/she doesn't think for his/herself and makes his/her own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions or clarity of the lessons. But it's a child's job to do the learning. Praise your child's work and efforts.
7. Be a motivator and monitor. Give encouragement, check completed work, and make yourself available for questions and clarification. Check in to your child's Google Classroom, so you know what is going on and what your child is being assigned.

We thank you again for your support in this new and every changing endeavor. Please understand that we are here to help, we are learning too and things can change as we get deeper into this. Remember communication is key and we can do this TOGETHER!

Stay well,

The Entire PS 23 School Staff
“We are the Richmondtown Eagles”