

Mallinckrodt Academy

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Greetings, Families!

We continue to get better. You have been a champion with virtual learning and we appreciate the support. While this has been no easy task, you have done it with extreme patience and sacrifice for our learners.

As we embark upon Second Quarter, we are committed to providing safety, while delivering great instruction and a great learning experience. This communication is regarding re-entry at Mallinckrodt Academy of Gifted Instruction.

As we head into the Second Quarter at Mallinckrodt Academy, we will be using the following model of instruction:

The LIVE-STREAMING Model of HYBRID INSTRUCTION:

- Your child will keep the **same teacher** and the **same class of kids**.
- Your child will participate **virtually**, in many cases with added support from a dedicated staff member assigned to that class.
- Your child will actively participate in class **through a two-way "live-stream"** in Microsoft Teams, if attending virtually.
- Your child will do **the same work in the same applications at the same times per day for five days per week** as all other classmates, whether they attend in person or virtually.
- Your child will **have standards based and blended models of instruction**.
- Your child will **have an airtight instructional schedule with synchronous and asynchronous time**.
- Your child will **receive any and all needed and approved supports** and related services, where applicable.

You are receiving this communication because you chose **VIRTUAL** instruction for your child via phone. **This will remain true for duration of the Second Quarter.** You will receive a letter from the Transportation Department if your child is a bus rider during the normal school year. Please disregard that letter as it will provide a school bus stop and route number for your virtual learner, which will not be used.

Please see pertinent information below, which may answer some of your questions for the coming weeks:

- All Instructional Support Centers will close at the end of the day on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.
- There will be no school on Friday, October 16, 2020 due to Teacher Preparation.
- **Students in Prekindergarten through Grade 2 will return to school on Monday, October 19, 2020.**
- **Students in Grades 3 through 5 will return to school on Monday, October 26, 2020.**
- As a means to fulfill our commitment to the wellbeing of all stakeholders, our school hours have been adjusted. **Instruction will begin at 9:10am. Our dismissal time is now 3:07pm.**
 - Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each instructional day for students in person and virtually.
 - **In person students will be permitted to enter the building at 8:40am.**

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020. Conferences will be virtual. Look for more information from your child's teacher.
- To accomplish social distancing the number of students per class is less than 14.

Virtual Instruction

- Virtual instruction will begin at 9:10am with your child's current classroom teacher.
- We ask that your learner is active and ready for the day and adhering to our school's virtual learning expectations.
- Have a balanced breakfast, dressed and ready for the day!
- Please ensure your child's iPad is charged and ready to be used, along with all other instructional materials.
- Teachers will provide you with your child's learning schedule for the day along with their asynchronous playlist.
 - We will still follow a synchronous learning model and an asynchronous model to provide instruction.

As we work to navigate our new realities, I commend our school community for its commitment to excellence. While our realities have changed, we remain committed to providing an education that allows your child to develop and ultimately reach their full intellectual potential.

The Second Quarter will be great because we remain in this together.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Shawn E. Williams
Principal

