

Dear Bancroft Families,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well. We are in extraordinary times and the situation seems to change minute by minute. Our school year will begin on Thursday, August 27 with distance learning. Our teachers have been working hard to ensure the upcoming school year is meaningful with learning that is focused on grade-level content and standards. Many of the details will be coming in time, but here is some important information to get you started.

- **Device and supply pick up:** Devices and supplies will be distributed on Tuesday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 26. More information will be coming regarding your specific pick up time. Students in grades K-2 will receive an iPad and students in grades 3-6 will receive a Chromebook to be used for the duration of distance learning. These devices must be returned to the school at the end of distance learning. In addition, teachers are preparing other supplies such as planners, pencils, and workbooks that your child will need in order to be successful in the virtual classroom environment. Additionally, if you have not able to take advantage of Cox's free Internet, we have hot spots to loan you. *Please note that phones are not reliable. Your child will need access to an iPad or Chromebook for their school day. Please follow this link to complete the survey so we know if you need assistance with devices or Internet.

[Device and Internet Survey](#)

- **Schedules:** Your child will follow a set schedule every day, just as if they were on campus. Teachers will share their class specific schedules with you and your child. *The state of California has set forth the minimum instructional minutes for each grade level as listed below:*
 - Kindergarten: 3 hours per day
 - Grades 1-3: 3 hours and 50 minutes per day
 - Grades 4-8: 4 hours per day
- **Instruction What will my child's school day look like?**
Your child's day will be a split between live real-time learning with the teacher or other staff member in large or small group via Zoom and independent work time (assignments that need to be completed like regular classwork). Much of the independent work time will be via Acellus, an on-line learning program that walks students through assignments, adjusts when they need help and notifies the teachers of areas where students need more support.
- **Assignments How will I know what my child is supposed to be working on?**
In addition to Acellus, teachers will be using a Learning Management System to post assignments, give explanations, and provide resources and to collect assignments. Grades kindergarten through second will use Class Dojo and fourth through sixth grade will use Google Classroom.

- **Attendance and Grades *Does my child have to participate in distance learning?***
Participation is mandatory. Attendance will be taken daily (in Zoom sessions) and assignments will be collected (digitally) and graded. We know that adhering to the schedule may be hard for some who have your own work responsibilities. We are here to support you and find a solution that works for your family. We know that you too want your child to engage academically to keep them on the road to success.

We know there are many more questions and answers. I promise to keep you updated as I find out new information. I am deeply grateful for each of you and committed to support you and your child's success.

With appreciation,

Kimberly Libenguth, principal