



September 15, 2020

Dear Parents/ Guardians-

We have been working hard to prepare for the school year and can't wait to see your children online soon.

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**Important updates below:**

- **Supply and Material Pick Up:**
- Despite major supply chain obstacles, we have several workbook orders that just arrived, and we are diligently working to organize a supply pickup on **Thursday, September 17th**. (note the date change) We have supply kits available for families that need them -- see more details below.

**Next steps below:**

- **The first round supply pick-up is scheduled for the morning and afternoon of Thursday, September 17th.** If you cannot attend the pick-up or send a representative, please fill out this [form](#), and we will work to find an alternative arrangement.
- For families in need of home supplies (paper, pencils, scissors, etc.). We want to help! We have a stock of supplies, and we are creating supply bags for families most in need. If your family needs a supply bag, please fill out this form ([click here](#)). It is confidential and we will have it ready during your pick up.

**Supply Schedule Below:**

Grade	Time	Location	Supplies Available
Pre K/K			<i>The Pk/k material pick up will be on Wednesday, September 23, from 8:30-12:30 at the front of the school.</i>
1	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Tot Lot	Grade 1 is doing a packet pick-up on Wednesday, September 16th from 12-2:30 on the Tot Lot
2	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Tot lot entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math and ELA Materials</li><li>• Handwriting without Tears workbook</li></ul>
3	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Elm Street door near the entrance to the school driveway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math and ELA Materials</li><li>• Handwriting without Tears workbook</li></ul>
4			<i>Please look for communication notice from teachers</i>
5			<i>Please look for communication notice from teachers</i>
6	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Main entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math Workbooks</li></ul>
7	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Sartwell Street Pool Door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math Workbooks</li></ul>
8	9am -11am & 1 pm -3 pm	Sartwell Street Pool Door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math Workbooks</li></ul>

- **Parent Information Session:** On Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:30 pm.

<https://k12somerville.zoom.us/j/92265613119?pwd=Si9tNmtTcEkxUklBL29SSHJrUE11UT09>

Meeting ID: 922 6561 3119

Password: 9ercx9

### **Family Support Group:**

Join the family support group meeting Thursday, September 17th, at 10 am, just in time to help before the first day of school!

<https://k12somer ville.zoom.us/j/97224121833?pwd=eDVaa0RqVzZYNE9paW5ZSmg5M2hwZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 2412 1833

Password: Support1

### **Part I: Digital Citizenship (modeled by all members of the Kennedy community)**

A successful experience in our remote learning will require teamwork, patience, growth mindset, and, most importantly, a demonstration of our Kennedy core values (Impact, Relationships, and Innovation).

*We know that parents have a lot on their plate! At the same time, we always want to ensure that our children and all learning community members are safe. Thus, we ask you to spend some time with children reinforcing the critical tenants of digital citizenship that we will be using at the Kennedy School this year and reviewing in all classrooms.*

- I will keep myself SAFE on the Internet /I will tell an adult if an online conversation or action makes me feel unsafe.
- I will keep my information PRIVATE and SECURE.
- I will be a POSITIVE, CONTRIBUTING member of our online community.
- I will COMMUNICATE respectfully and treat classmates and teachers with respect. \*\*
- I will give CREDIT to others for their work. My work will ALWAYS be my own.
- I will follow the classroom rules of each teacher.

### **Guiding Principles for Remote Learning**

1. Students should be dressed.
2. Students should be on mute unless called upon or otherwise stated by the teacher.
3. Students should be present and engaged.
4. Students are encouraged to participate using video, however we understand that not all students may feel comfortable doing so.
5. Students should be sitting upright and ready to learn.

### **District and School Attendance Messages:**

1. **Attendance:** Systems are in place to track daily attendance. All students are expected to attend and engage in synchronous and asynchronous activities designed by their teachers for the full school day. Click [here](#) for additional details.
2. Parents/Guardians need to inform the school if their child is absent by reporting absences at [617-629-5440](tel:617-629-5440). Failure to report will result in a call home from the Redirect Teacher to ensure your child's safety.
3. Whenever possible, please schedule non-emergency appointments after school (2:35 pm) or during school vacations.

**School Remote Learning Guidelines:**

4. Students should be present and engaged in their learning activities. [We encourage students to use all available ways to participate in the lesson if they choose to keep their video off, such as verbal participation, the chat feature, or reaction buttons.](#)
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**Breakfast and Lunch:** Starting Monday, September 21st, SPS Food & Nutrition Services will distribute breakfasts and lunches Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the following schools. Parents and students can pick up meals at any site and should go to their most convenient location.

- Argenziano School
- Capuano Early Childhood Center
- Brown School
- East Somerville Community School
- Healey School
- [Kennedy School](#)
- West Somerville Neighborhood School
- Winter Hill Community Innovation School - Four 10' x 10' tents

Fresh breakfast and lunch will be available following the posted menu ([www.somerville.k12.ma.us/fns](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/fns)). Parents or students can pick up free meals; no ID is required.

**Snacks:** Afternoon snacks will be provided by Food & Nutrition Services for students participating in Community Schools and Parks & Recreation after school programming.

**Free Enrichment Programming:** Community Schools (pre-K and K) and Parks & Recreation (grades 1-8) will be offering free outdoor enrichment programming to provide students with opportunities for safe, social interaction starting September 21<sup>st</sup> based on their cohort assignment. This programming is weather-dependent. All current health and safety guidelines, including mandatory use of masks and social distancing, will be in place. Based on the interest survey families completed last week, we anticipate that we will have enough space to accommodate all interested families.

**Kennedy Handbook:**

The Kennedy Handbook is available on our remote learning website or click on the [link](#). Please be advised that much of the information will provide clarity (e.g., staff directory, school crossing guards, etc.) around the phased-in hybrid model for in-person learning.