



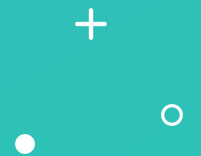
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RETURNING TO SCHOOL VIRTUALLY PARENT MEETING

FACTS Priorities:

- The health and safety of our students and staff is priority in the decision-making process.
- Our restart plans focus on improving the quality of learning in a remote environment.
- Communication with families, staff, and students is key.

August 20, 2020



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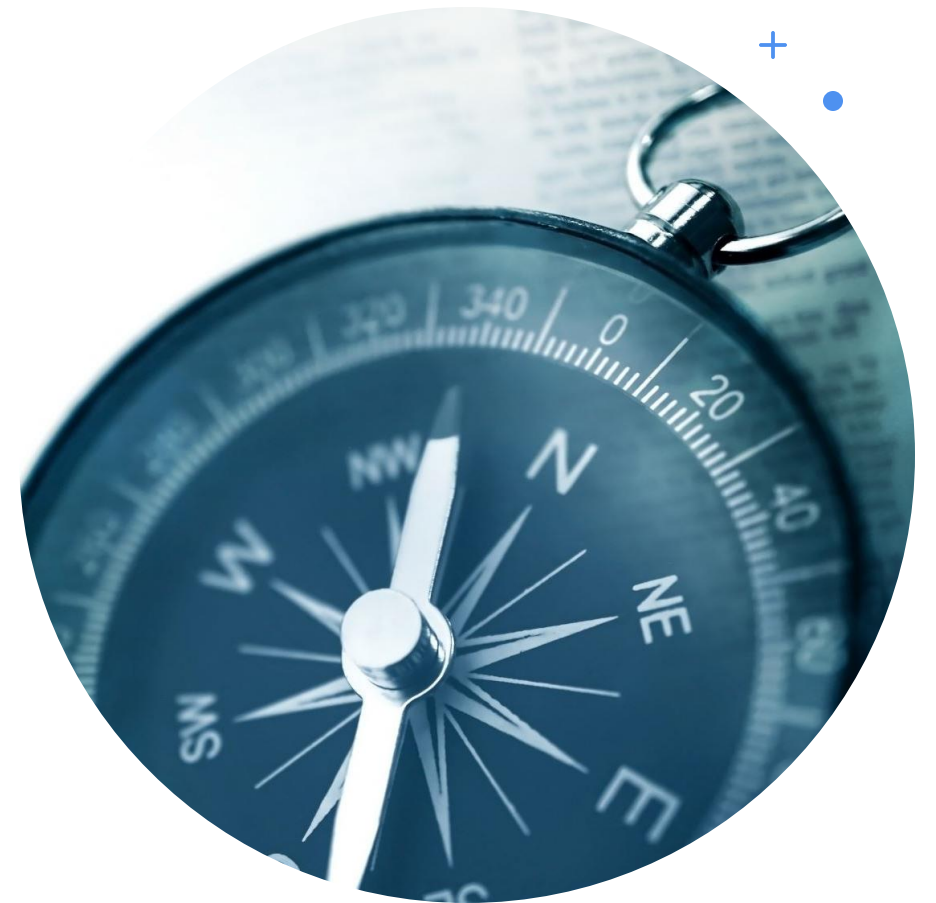
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Going All-Virtual Decision

- Our decision to go all-virtual was based on 3 criteria
- As of August 7th, one of those criteria (the phila.gov website showing high risk of transmission) indicated that we could not safely re-open school
- FACTS will remain all-virtual until at least November 16th, at which time we will reassess the COVID-19 situation in Philadelphia and decide whether to continue going all-virtual or go hybrid (1 day/week in-person)

Guiding Principles for Reopening

1. The FACTS community will continue to travel together as a collective family of parents, educators, and students to ensure the success of all learners.
2. FACTS teachers will focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students so that they feel connected to the school and our larger community.
3. Quality instruction is at the heart of every great learning environment, whether provided in person or in a remote program.



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Improvements to Virtual Learning

We learned a lot from the Spring about virtual learning by listening to your concerns and through teachers!

- ✓ We've made technology changes
- ✓ We've expanded our online learning platforms
- ✓ We've made changes to the student schedule to allow for more community-building and social-emotional learning time
- ✓ We have added more live sessions with teachers
- ✓ We intend to keep Folk Arts going in a way that can still be meaningful for students



SDP Flat Rate Pilot Form

- You may have received a form in the mail from the School District of Philadelphia about the option to transport your child to school instead of on the bus
- SDP is offering \$150/month to families who choose to transport their child to school during any **in-person** learning months
- To submit the form online, please visit:

<https://www.philasd.org/transportation/parent-flat-rate-pilot/>

- The deadline for submitting this form either online or via regular mail is **August 28th**



New Families Virtual Orientation

**Wednesday, September 2nd
@ 6pm**

- Introduction to FACTS
 - Meet Admin, the K team, 1st grade team, Assistants, Special Ed team, and ELD team
 - Zoom link will be emailed soon
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Kindergarten Optional Meet & Greet

We will have an optional in-person Meet & Greet for (K) students the week of Sept. 8th (K starts on Sept. 14th)

- It will give students, teachers, and parents a chance to meet each other before going all-virtual
- We will practice safety guidelines for this Meet & Greet (ie – holding it outdoors, requiring masks, physical distancing, small groups, etc.)
- **An invitation will be emailed with dates/times and details**



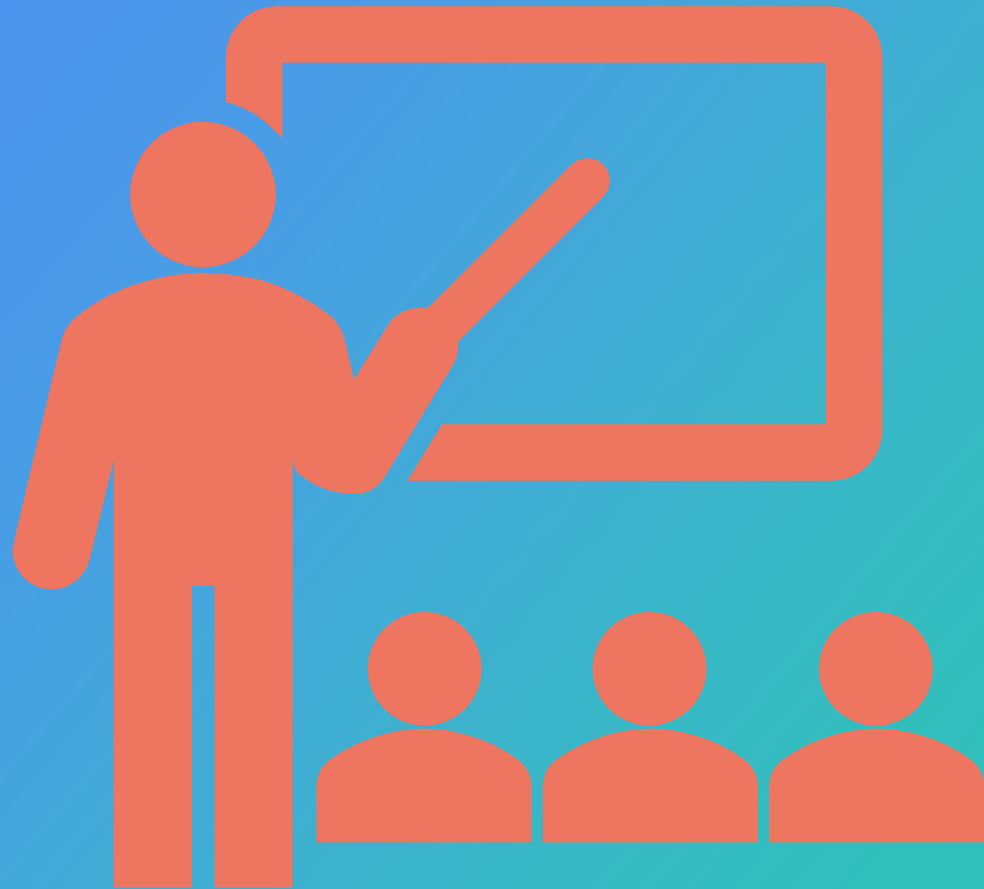
Tech Devices

- Every student at FACTS will be issued a Chromebook before the start of the school year.
- We also have tablets available for families who need a wi-fi hotspot.
- We expect parents to be involved in ensuring that your child properly cares for this FACTS device.
- **Pick-up days are Sept. 3rd (11am-6pm) & Sept. 4th (8am-12pm)**

School Supplies

- FACTS has ordered basic school supplies for all students:
 - Pencils, Markers, Crayons
 - Paper
 - Folders
 - Composition book
 - Scissors, Glue, Erasers, Ruler
 - Sticky notes
 - Dry erase board
- One set of supplies should be kept at home and one set will be available at school (for when we go hybrid)





Content Packets

- Teachers may be distributing content unit packets (ie – books, workbooks, worksheets, etc.) for students
- This will happen throughout the school year
- Dates for pick-up from the school to be determined
- More details will be shared in the future

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- FACTS will be switching from Microsoft to G Suite products
- Students will be given new email login information
- FACTS will also begin using Google Classroom for student assignments instead of Plus Portals
- Plus Portals will continue to be used for students and families to check grades, report cards, IEPs, and attendance

Student Email Change



- The student email domain will be changed to **@student.factschool.org** to provide extra security
- This change will require new logins for online learning platforms, such as IXL and Raz Kids
- Online learning platforms that require student emails will be temporarily unavailable as we make this transition

Free Breakfast and Lunch

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 - - All FACTS students can receive free breakfast and free lunch from FACTS. We encourage you to participate!
 - At this time, the only pick-up location will be at FACTS.
 - Government guidelines have changed. FACTS students cannot go to other schools to pick up free meals like they could in the spring. They must get the meals from FACTS.
 - Pick-up days will be Wednesday from 7:30 am-10:30 am or Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Time windows may be adjusted if needed.
 - The first pick-up will be Wednesday, September 9th!
 - Families will be given a full week of meals on the day they pick up. Lunches will be individually frozen meals. Breakfast will be cereal and/or cereal bars. Both will include milk.



	Group 1	Group 2
Monday	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30-noon	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30-noon
Tuesday	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30- 3:00	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30- 3:00
Wednesday	Some live zoom and the rest of the day asynchronous learning.	Live small group instruction 8:30-3:00 (may be shorter)
Thursday	Live small group instruction 8:30-3:00 (may be shorter)	Some live zoom and the rest of the day asynchronous learning.
Friday	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30- 3:00	Live Zoom Instruction 8:30- 3:00
Student virtual school day is from 8am -3pm		
Students will have a 1-hour lunch break every day and 5-ten minute breaks throughout the day.		
Students will have 5 ten-minute breaks each day Tuesday- Friday and 3 on Monday.		

Student Schedule

During all-virtual
learning, the student's
school hours will be:

8:00am – 3:00pm

***We are reassessing schedules for
students in lower grades. More details
soon.**

Student Schedule Details

The 8:30am – 3:00pm time includes:

- Morning Meeting
- Community-building
- Content courses
- Specials
- Social-emotional learning
- What I Need (WIN)
- Breaks

Content Courses: 10-15 minutes direct instruction, plus time for independent work in small group breakout rooms with a teacher

* We will provide more detail on the schedule soon.





**Morning
Meeting
&
Daily
Attendance**

**Students must be
ready for Morning
Meeting at 8:30am.**

**Attendance will be
taken each day during
Morning Meeting.**



WIN

WIN (What I Need):

This year, FACTS has scheduled blocks of time for students to receive additional academic support from teachers.

These sessions are mandatory.



School Calendar

The revised 2020-2021
School Year Calendar
has been approved by
the Board.

It was emailed to you
today and will be posted
on the FACTS website.



Services for
Special Ed
&
English
Learners

FACTS will continue to provide services for students with IEPs and English Learners.

This may look different in the virtual setting.



At-home Learning Expectations and Recommendations

- We strongly recommend that you set up a learning space for your child at home to fully engage in virtual learning.
- We recommend, if possible, having camera facing a wall and not a view of an entire room or space.
- We recommend having all learning materials close by in a storage area, like a box or bin.
- Keep laptop on a desk or table.
- Have your child wear school appropriate clothing (dress down day outfits).
- Keep video on as much as possible.
- Be on time for daily attendance.



FACTS Website

**The FACTS website
now has a page for you
to stay updated on the
2020-2021 school year!**

Please visit:

www.factschool.org

Click on the home page
link:

**"2020-2021 School Year
UPDATES"**



Parent Response Survey

All FACTS families recently received a survey via email & regular mail about food service & technology.

It is very important for every family to complete this survey. Please complete by Monday, 8/24.

If you have not received it or would like to complete it now, please use the link in chat.

Questions/ Concerns?



Email: parentreply@factschool.org



Call the Main Office: 215-569-2600
OR 267-236-1030