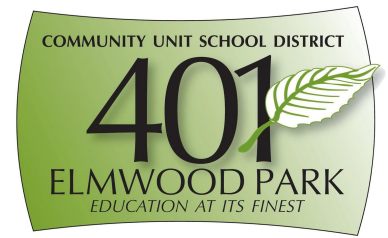


Elmwood Park C.U.S.D. #401

Matthew Lerner
Principal
Elmwood Elementary



Dear Incoming Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome you to the Panther family! On March 20th, 2019 the school board approved all day kindergarten starting in the 2020-2021 school year. This is a moment that many families in Elmwood Park have waited for and we are beyond excited to have the opportunity to have Kindergarten in our building next year. The move to all day kindergarten also changes our school as the 6th grade students will be moved to Elm Middle School to continue their journey next year. While we wished we would be able to be in person on our first day of school, the school district has decided to have remote learning through the winter break.

What does Remote Kindergarten look like?

Students in Kindergarten at Elmwood Elementary will be placed in 1 of 4 classrooms. They will have a homeroom teacher in each room along with additional support for all students. This support will include a reading specialist, English Language teacher, and a Special Education co-teacher. Our goal is to meet the needs of every single student at Elmwood through academics and social/emotional learning.

During remote learning, the students will have a daily schedule that starts at 8:30am and ends at 2:15pm. They will have 30 minutes of lunch from 11:30-12:00pm daily. The teacher/school will be sending a more specific schedule to parents. Per the state law, all students need to have 5 hours of instruction with 2.5 hours being online or live instruction. The schedule will be the same every day so students and parents can establish a routine. We understand that not all families will be able to have their students online from 8:30am-2:15pm each day. The teacher and administration will work together with families to assist them to ensure their child continues to learn and grow.

What's Next?

All incoming Kindergarten parents will need to set up their PowerSchool Account and complete all the forms for registration online. If you have questions, please reach out to solisj@epcusd401.org All school fees should be paid by September 1, 2020.

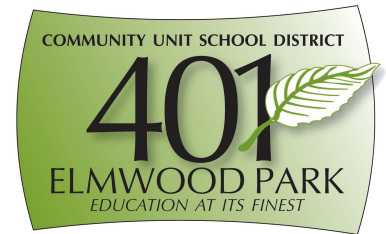
The first day of school is on Monday, August 31st @ 8:30am! We are planning to have a virtual open house and supply pick-up prior to the first day of school. The teachers will be reaching out to have their own classroom meetings with parents/students as we get closer to the start of the school year. We look forward to a great school year in 2020-2021. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (708) 452-3558 or email at lerner@epcusd401.org

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8/13/2020

Dear Parents,

Please let us be the first to welcome you all to Elmwood School. We are Matthew Lerner, the Elmwood School Principal and Stephanie Hagins, the Elmwood School Assistant Principal. We know this year will be unconventional, but please know that we are here to support you through this process. Please note, that our school district has announced that we will participate in remote learning beginning on August 31st through at least January 4th.

Registration

You must prove residency. Please be sure to put all EPCUSD401 students on the residency form. Please see link:

https://campussuite-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/2312/9d53325d-f521-11e5-b537-22000bd8490f/2048479/a3d75462-4925-11ea-b776-0ab71e99a86d/file/20-21_District_ProofOfResidencyForm.pdf

SCAN your residency documents with the child/children's birth certificate/s to: registration@epcusd401.org

The Digital AUP Contract (Acceptable Use Policy), Photo Consent and Handbook Forms must be completed on the parent portal in Powerschool. If you do not have a powerschool account, you must create one. Once you have created your account, click on “forms” on the portal and follow the directions.

Supplies

District 401 has purchased all supplies that your child will need for school this year. Students will receive the following items:

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: A Dry Erase Board, Dry Erase Markers & Eraser, Pencils, Pencil Sharpener, A notebook, scissors, glue, crayons, watercolors, over the ear headphones with a microphone, a stylus and their chromebook.

2nd and 3rd Grade: A Dry Erase Board, Dry Erase Markers & Eraser, Pencils, Pencil Sharpener, notebook paper, scissors, glue, markers, watercolors, over the ear headphones with a microphone, a stylus and their chromebook.

4th and 5th Grade: A Dry Erase Board, Dry Erase Markers & Eraser, Pencils, Pencil Sharpener, notebook paper, markers, watercolors, earbud headphones with a microphone, a stylus and their chromebook.

School supply pickup will be the week of August 24th with more specific dates and times coming soon.

Chromebooks

All students K-5 will have their own chromebook assigned to them. If they are in 4th grade and 5th grade, they will keep their chromebook that was assigned to them. All K-3 students will be receiving their chromebook along with instructions on our supply pick up day the week of August 24th.

Schedule

The first day of school is Monday, August 31st. Each day, your child will be provided with at least 2 ½ hours of synchronous instruction. That means students have the opportunity to log on and receive live instruction from a teacher with their classmates. Students will also be given assignments to complete on their own which will be posted in Seesaw for K-2 students and Google Classroom for 3rd-5th grade students. More specific information will be sent to parents the week of August 24th.

Parent Meetings

We will be scheduling a virtual open house for all parents to hear Mr. Lerner and Mrs. Hagins talk about remote learning and the direction our school will be taking this year. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions. We will also be doing a virtual open house for just our Kindergarten and 1st grade parents as well as a bilingual parent meeting for our Polish and Spanish speaking families. Stay tuned for more information.

Parent Support:

We know that every family's situation is different and that many of our students will be able to log-in during the day but we also know that some students will not be able to do their school work during the day. Please know that we are here to support each of you through remote learning. Please reach out to us if you need help with any of the following things:

- Chromebook Issues/Concerns
- Wi-fi or internet access concerns
- Breakfast/Lunch or access to meals
- Difficulty with the daily schedule and students not able to get online.
- Social Emotional/Mental Health supports
- Family support due to unforeseen issues (COVID, Financial)
- Motivating students
- Basic information about remote learning or the curriculum

School Website

All of our school information is on the district website www.epcusd401.org including information about remote learning and school registration. If you are looking for school specific information, please visit our website <https://www.epcusd401.org/elmwood>.

If you have any other questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to reach out to either one of us.

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