



William Fox Elementary School

August 24, 2020/Aug. 28th, 2020 (**resending with updated info in red!)

Fox Family,

What a strange time we are in. We ended last school year abruptly and retreated to our homes in order to keep our loved ones and community healthy. During this time, we experienced a time of “good trouble” as we began to grapple with ways to change our nation and community and rid the systemic racism and social injustices that exist in every facet of our lives. Our work is not over—we still need to protect the health of our community AND work for equity. I’m sure many of you are hoping to move past “these unprecedented times” to a place where we no longer have to isolate and we ALL can accept and love each other for who we are: human beings. It is now, more than ever, that we need to join together, set an example for our children, and welcome each other into our community.

With that being said, it is time for us to reopen our schools in a way that we have never imagined here in Richmond, in Virginia, or in the United States for that matter. **Yes, we are reopening our schools virtually, with love.**

The RPS "Reopen with Love" plan is our guide for working to make sure we are paving the way in ensuring the safety of our most precious commodity...the children. Every decision made from the district, down to those made here at Fox is being made out of love. Our children are going to be the ones that create a new future, that pave the way for new ideas, and solutions to problems we don't even know exist yet. Just think, we are living in this digital age because someone saw past that paper and pencil card-catalog system. Our children are going to be the ones that create the next bigger and better world!

Virtual Instruction is not new, but it has never been done or attempted at this magnitude. We are going to make mistakes, but as a family/community, we will learn from them. I am asking that you give yourself grace as you figure out how to be the best parent you can be in this current situation. I am asking that you give your child's teacher grace, as they figure out how to be the best teacher they can be in this online platform. I promise you, going virtual does not mean teaching has gotten easier. I am also asking that you give the school as a whole grace, as we work to figure out how to move that feeling of the Fox Community to a virtual space. From a school that prides itself on love and coming together, we must not lose who we are because the location of our teaching and learning has changed. Remember, we are STRONGER TOGETHER, and will make this work together!

As we begin this school year, we are welcoming MANY new families due to rezoning. Please know that we welcome EVERYONE to our school and look forward to getting to know you. In addition to

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new students/families, we have several staff changes this year. We know you will support our staff changes as we continue to meet the needs of all of our learners:

Best wishes go to our retiree who has moved onto the next phase in her life: Arlene Spencer (cafeteria). We also wish best of luck to Macaria Scott, JoVonne Tyson-King, Thomas Sykes, Ashley Morgan and Lawrence Pope as they have moved on from Fox to new endeavors. **Please welcome six new teachers to the Fox Staff: Scarlet Foley (Kindergarten) is coming to us from James Madison University (Go Dukes!). Shayla Riggs (1st grade) joins us from University of Richmond. Dawn Faircloth (SPED) joins us from Hopewell Schools, and Kathryn Layne (SPED) transferred from MLK Middle School. Our new PE teacher, Mark Bingaman is moving here from Pennsylvania; and we have a new position called Instructional Compliance Coordinator (SPED) which is being filled by Jessica Whitley-Morgan who joins us from Petersburg Schools. Also, please welcome our new Crew Chief, David Gravely. Let's also congratulate Ms. Jessica Blumberg on the very recent birth of her daughter. Brenda James will be starting the year for Ms. Blumberg as she completes her maternity leave.**

We have attached a list of our classroom teachers/staff members and their role this year, along with their emails, for your information.

We are excited about the new virtual school year and looking forward to greeting you and your children as they join in by logging onto morning announcements and then their virtual class on the **first day of school, Tuesday, September 8th, 2020**. We know we will continue to work closely together as we work to fulfill our mission: "The mission of William Fox Elementary, the model of unity in a diverse and inclusive learning community, is to enable and empower our students to develop creative, inquisitive minds; strong, healthy bodies; and caring, compassionate hearts through challenging and engaging learning experiences guided by innovative, compassionate educators who are engaged learners themselves."

In closing, we encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to set up a space in your home for your child's "learning environment". Begin to think now, about routines such as **setting an alarm clock, changing out of P.J.s for Virtual School, and walking to a nearby bus stop to pick up breakfast and lunch**. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and we look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

We are looking forward to another beautiful year at William Fox Elementary School! Please do not hesitate to email us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, *Daniela S. Jacobs*, Principal and *LaTonya Oliver*, Assistant Principal

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For your information:

COMMUNICATION

Since we are fully virtual for the entire first semester, all school communication will be via EMAIL and phone calls. **If you have not received emails from the school this summer, please call the school office(804-780-6259)/email our Office Associate (sgilbert@rvaschools.net) ASAP and get your correct email added to your child's profile.** All written communication will continue to be posted on the school website (rvaschools.net/Domain/20) and the school PTA Facebook Page (William Fox Elementary PTA) as well. I will begin to also use twitter to get things out--follow me @FoxPrincipal)

*******This is updated information as of Aug. 28th*******

DRIVE-THROUGH MEET THE TEACHER AND SCHOOL SUPPLY/TEXTBOOK PICK UP

Please join us for a “Drive-Through” meet the Teacher Thursday, Sept. 3rd from 4-6 pm More information and directions will be coming the week of Aug. 31st on how this will work.

RPS is coordinating School Supply and textbook pick up at all schools. Please plan on Coming to Fox to pick up the District provided supplies and all textbook materials on one of the following days/times:

Thursday, Sept. 3 from 9-1

Friday, Sept. 4th from 1-5

Saturday, Sept. 5th from 9-12

Computer Distribution for NEW students/those that did NOT get one in the Spring

By now, you have seen the news and the shortage of chromebooks NATIONWIDE.

Despite the fact that the RPS order for an additional 10,000 Chromebooks was placed the beginning of June, they have not all been delivered. RPS only has 2600 chromebooks to cover @6000 students who still do not have one. We are asking if you are family without an RPS Chromebook, and you have some type of personal tablet/laptop that your student can use until @October, that you use your personal device for now. We need to prioritize students who have no way to access the internet/no device. For those who have no device

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this is how you will be prioritized (this information is from the Superintendent in the RPS Direct on Wednesday, August 26th):

1. We're going to prioritize the 2,600 Chromebooks currently on hand for English Learners and students with IEPs. These devices will be distributed by schools starting next week. I'll include the full distribution schedule in tomorrow's RPS Direct.
2. We're going to give Android Tablets to any other K-12 students who still need a device. These tablets do not have as much functionality as the Chromebooks, but they'll allow students to get online, access Google Classroom, and receive emails from their teachers. We're in the process of creating a family-friendly guide for students who receive the tablets. These devices, like the Chromebooks, will be distributed by schools starting next week.

A computer distribution schedule is forthcoming. Please watch the RPS Direct (and the school will also send out once it is determined).

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for K-2nd grade students and 9:15-3:30 for 3rd-5th grade students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesdays students will be dismissed from all live instruction at noon (and possibly have independent work to complete). Students should plan on logging into our school Morning Announcements at 9:10 am each day. After the morning greeting and announcements, students will then join their virtual classroom. A **2020-2021 school calendar** is enclosed so that you can mark important dates on your calendar as well as the “**Master Schedule**” for the school indicating when Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies will be taught, when common breaks and Lunch/Recess will be held. Teachers will contact each student/family to share instructions for logging in to their virtual classroom.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Again this year: All students currently enrolled in any Richmond Public School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge each day of the 2020-2021 school year! No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in the meal program without having to pay a fee or submit an application. The bus stop schedule (locations and TIMES) is posted on the rvaschools website¹. RPS will be delivering meals to bus stops DAILY between 7-9am. Returning students will need to know their lunch codes in order to pick up meals. Lunch codes are being MAILED to all returning students homes (they are the same code that students have had previously). New students will be able to get their codes at the stop. Our school lunch and home recess break will be from 11:45-12:45 pm daily.

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PTA

Please plan to join the Fox Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Monthly PTA meetings and events are a great way to get to know other Fox families, teachers, staff, and administrators. Starting out we will be engaging with folks through virtual meetings, but we hope to see you in person soon. PTA Dues are \$10 per person. More information on how to pay PTA dues is forthcoming. We also encourage you to volunteer some time by helping with any of the programs offered by our very active PTA—even though we are going virtual there is still a need! PTA dues and volunteer time are put to good use through PTA-hosted family events (game night, potluck, picnic), and funding in-school enrichment programs that span all grade levels. **Our first PTA meeting and “Back to School Night” will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Please plan on logging in to meet your child's teacher(s) and learn about his/her classroom.**

Mark Your Calendars!

September 3rd-9-1 pm- Supply and textbook pick up

September 3rd, 4-6 pm Drive-Through Meet the Teacher.

Sept. 4th, 1-5pm-Supply and textbook pick up

Sept. 5th , 9-12pm-Supply and textbook pick up

September 8th : First Day of School ☺

September 15th, 6:30pm Back to School Night

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TBA (20 hours per week)		Literacy Coach

Itinerant Child Find Team Members

Kishla Conner	kconner@rvaschools.net	School Social Worker
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