

Southern Elementary

Back to School Information 8/11/2020

from Ms. McLaughlin

1) Back to School Drive Thru @ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Aug 18 (4th & 5th)

Aug 19 (2nd & 3rd)

Aug 20 (K & 1st)

*We ask that families attend the assigned times. We will only pass out the assigned grade level materials on the assigned nights. It is very important that you/your child attend this night so that your child has all materials to use for distance learning. *Chromebooks most likely will be given out at a later date.

2) Every year families are required to fill out a student information card which is kept on file in the office. In an effort to streamline our process we've created a google survey to gather this information. Complete one survey per child attending Southern Elem. Click on this link --->

[Student Information Survey](#)

3) Since all FCPS students will learn digitally this year, all FCPS students will receive a school-issued chromebook. Some families already have a school-issued chromebook and some families have a different device that will be used instead of a chromebook. On the other hand, some families will need to get a chromebook for each student that goes to Southern. The technology survey addresses all of these issues and more. Each family has to complete this survey so we can make sure your child has his/her technology needs met.

Click on this link ---> [Student Technology Survey](#)

4) Due to safety and wellness guidelines, Southern will not offer Dolphin Club After School Care at this time. We hope to reopen once students return to school for face to face instruction.

5) If you have registration questions or questions about address verification and documents needed for the school please call the school at 859-381-3589.

6) Expect teacher welcome this week. We are not sending supply lists home at this time because many of the supplies will not be needed for distance learning. We ARE putting together basic supplies for students to have at home and you will pick those up at the Drive Thru next week.

7) Families were sent a survey from the district several weeks ago about how they felt students would learn best for the 20-21 school year. One of the questions asked if families were interested in a Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) option to choose yes or no. If families did not choose YES they did not receive any information about the VLA. This option is a completely online instructional program for students that doesn't involve the distance learning offered by FCPS. If you select VLA you have to commit to the academy work for the first semester (Aug 26- Jan. 1) and cannot switch back to distance learning until then. There should be information coming to you but in the meantime, please use the information below to learn more about the option and to ask questions. For questions / more information: **special.programs@fayette.kyschools.us** OR call 859-381-4741

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and grace. I know many of you are anxious about how all of this is going to work but please remember we are committed to doing our very best to meet the needs of your child and your family as we start this unique journey. Thank you for allowing us to be your partner in your child's education.

Ms. McLaughlin