



Dear NO EXCUSES at STANTON Families:

I hope this Back to School letter finds you safe and healthy. The office and teachers are back to work (remotely) and have been collaborating all summer to bring you an outstanding (while different) school year. We are working hard to get back to the normalcy of school, getting our virtual classrooms ready in CANVAS while creating engaging and safe learning opportunities for your student (s). NEU at Stanton is an amazing school and I know our new families and incoming Kindergarten and TK students will love being a part of our college focused community.

Our pledge to you continues to be:

All staff members believe that every student has the ability to achieve academic standards in reading, writing, and math. We create student and class goals as a means of maintaining high academic and/or behavior expectations for all students. We are committed and courageous in preparing your child for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we will work collaboratively to promote the efforts of college readiness for all.

We ask that you support our NEU endeavor by supporting the following pledge:

As parents/families of Stanton Elementary we are committed to our children's education. We will ensure our children are present, on time, and prepared for school daily. We will be active participants in our children's education both inside and outside of school. The support we provide our children will serve as the foundation that will enable them to SOAR their way to College!

Prior to the first day of school, you must update your parent portal in Aeries. This must be done for all students TK-5, new and returning. Once class assignments are posted this is where you will view who your child's teacher is. Making class lists is very challenging each year (especially this year) and the staff works hard to divide classes up in a balanced manner – gender, academic levels, and behaviors, so please understand that changes are not done after class lists are posted.

The first day of school is Monday August 24th. Prior to this we will do a textbook/materials distribution. Click on the link below for the Schedule and/or see attachment. It is imperative to practice safety protocols including wearing of masks and 6ft social distancing.

#### [Distribution Schedule](#)

Please also know we will be using our new CANVAS learning platform. This is where your student will log in each day for class, see live instruction, and access their assignments. More information to follow. Although school will look a little different, it is the expectation that we

will continue to partner to ensure student success. It is imperative for you to set a school schedule at home and assure that your student logs into their class at the assigned time.

There will be live instruction daily as well as independent work time. Live instruction may be broken up throughout the school day. Students may be working on their own, live in whole group or small group with teacher or even in small collaborative groups with other students. TK and K will have a 3 hour school day with at least 30 min total live instruction and no more than 90 minutes (8:15-11:15); Grades 1-3 will have a 3 hour and 50 min school day with at least 45 min of total live instruction each day and no more than 120 minutes (8:15-12:05). Grades 4 and 5 will have a 4 hour school day with at least 90 minutes of live instruction (including PE/Music) and no more than 150 minutes (8:15-12:15). All teachers will have office hours from 1:00-2:00pm to support parent and student needs. Students may have additional skills practice or projects to work on after school hours. Wednesdays will be a time to practice work as well as participate in Wellness Wednesdays.

No matter what location (physical or remote) our school is in, three things that NEU at Stanton focuses on as we implement our standards and are part of our mission statement are: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. Stanton has a rich history of academic success and we strive each day to make learning meaningful and engaging, as well as rigorous.

Lunch will continue to be a grab and go. Lunch pick up schedule will be posted on the website. **Please be sure to complete your free and reduced lunch application as well.** These are available now electronically or through the parent portal. [Lunch application](#)

Check your child's CANVAS and AERIES parent portal to keep up with important information as well as checking our website and instagram often for important dates and announcements. Get ready for our PTA membership drive and our first fundraiser. (virtual) We have a very active PTA that counts on your help each year to keep all the exciting activities going for our students. Please sign up to help with a committee and help support your school.

As always, my door (phone/email) is open to you. Feel free to reach out to discuss any questions or concerns you may have in regards to your child. I'm excited for another No Excuses Year.

Please plan on joining me for a Sneak Peak at Remote Learning Parent Information Meeting on **Tuesday August 18 at 6:00pm** through Zoom-- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82057169781?pwd=NjF1aTFyMFRBY3A1b1RUaWRwTHhWdz09>

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