

August 2020

Greetings Vinci Park Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I hope this communication finds you and your loved ones safe and well. The start of this school year brings many new processes for all of us. Some processes are ready to share and some are still in development due to the constantly changing circumstances and new policies brought forth to ensure everyone's safety. This letter is to provide you with important information on the start of the school year.

The first day of school is **Monday, August 17th**.

All BUSD schools will be using 100% distance learning for at least the first 6 weeks of school. The current guideline is that schools cannot reopen until their county is off the watchlist for at least 14 days. Once we have reached that point, BUSD will begin communicating our hybrid learning plan and safety procedures to keep everyone safe. With the ever changing landscape of COVID-19, we will continue to update everyone as we receive more guidance.

As summer winds down, please be aware of a few important school related details:

- **Distance Learning Readiness Survey**

Please take a moment, if you have not already, to complete the [Distance Learning Readiness Survey](#) for your child. Complete one survey for EACH child you have attending Vinci Park Elementary.

- **First Day Packet**

Please **read, sign and return** the following forms (sent home via USPS mail) when you pick up your child's Instructional Materials/Chromebook:

1. **Form A (BUSD Distance Learning Guidelines), B (Ed Code Section 48981 Notification), & C (Armed Forces) - ([Form A, B, & C](#))**
2. **Student Verification Form**
3. **Free and Reduced Lunch Application ([Free and Reduced Meal Price Application Form](#))**
4. **[Vinci Park School Compact](#)**

- **Chromebook**

To participate in distance learning, students will need access to a device such as a chromebook or laptop. If your child is in need of a chromebook, please do the following:

- Make your request using the [Distance Learning Readiness Survey](#) by Monday, 8/10 at 10:00am.
- Read the [Equipment Loan Agreement](#). We will have a copy for you to sign when you pick up the chromebook.

- **Instructional Materials/Chromebooks Distribution Schedule**

Families can pick-up Instructional Materials/Chromebooks next week, on Thursday, August 13th or Friday, August 14th, depending on your teacher and grade. This will be curbside pick up **ONLY** - All families are to stay in their vehicles. No walk ups. Below you will find the Instructional Materials/Chromebooks Distribution Schedule:

Thursday, 8/13		Friday, 8/14	
9:00 AM	2nd Grade	9:00 AM	1st Grade
9:30 AM	4th Grade	10:30 AM	3rd Grade
10:30 AM	5th Grade	11:30 AM	TK
		12:00 PM	K

The bag of instructional materials include the following:

- English Language Arts: Student textbooks Units 1-4 (Grades TK-5)
- Math: Chapters 1-6 (Grades K-2nd), Student textbook and workbook (Grades 3rd-5th)
- History-Social Studies: Studies Weekly periodical (Grades K-5)
- Additional teacher supplies and instructional supplemental material: Your child's teacher will give further instructions on the use of these materials

- **CARE Solace**

[CARE Solace](#) is an online resource with a 24X7 concierge line meant to assist individuals with finding local mental health related programs and counseling services. Information is available in other languages, please see below:

- [Spanish Version](#)
- [Vietnamese Version](#)
- [Chinese Version](#)

- **Tech Issues**

If you and your child encounter technical difficulties with your Chromebook or Hotspot please contact the BUSD Technology Team via the [BUSD Digital Learning Parent Portal](#) to make an appointment with the Berryessa USD Tech Team.

- **School Related Assistance**

Under the **County of Santa Clara Shelter In Place Order**, all public buildings are closed to the public including schools. If you need assistance with school related business, please make an appointment with the school. Families will not be permitted in the building. Appointments can be made with Beatrice Moctezuma or Kim Goodner.

- Beatrice Moctezuma, School Clerk, bmoctezuma@busd.net
- Kim Goodner, Administrative Secretary, kgoodner@busd.net

- **BUSD Reopening Communications**

As BUSD continues to plan for the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are committed to engaging our community to inform our thinking moving forward. Families can review all information regarding the BUSD Reopening plan, including Reopening FAQs here: [BUSD Reopening Communications](#).

- **Student Nutrition Services**

- Grab and Go Lunches will begin on Monday, August 17th at Vinci Park Elementary. Meals will be available for pick up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from the school parking lot during the daily lunch break. As a convenience to families, meals for 2 days will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays. A breakfast meal will be offered with each lunch meal as an option.
- Payment for meals will be charged to student accounts according to current eligibility. The federal emergency waiver that previously allowed for free curbside meals has expired. Meal prices for Elementary are as follows: Lunch \$3.00 (reduced price \$0.40); Breakfast \$2.00 (reduced price \$0.30).
- **Free and Reduced Lunch Application** ([Free and Reduced Meal Price Application Form](#))
- **For more detailed information please click on the following link:** [Student Nutrition Services](#)

On behalf of myself and the Vinci Park Staff we look forward to creating a lasting partnership with you, and providing your child with a wonderful educational experience. We are eager to get our new school year off to an amazing start with you.

Best,
Parisa Nunez
Vinci Park Elementary Principal