



Logan Elementary Virtual Parent Meetings

4 live sessions occurred on August 19, 2020



Virtual Logan Elementary Agenda

- Meet the Teacher
- EA Home Base vs EA Academy
- Devices
- Google Classroom
- Lunch
- Academic sessions
- Special Area sessions
- Intervention Specialists / Guidance Support
- Questions



Meet the Teacher

- Kindergarten: August 31, 2020
 - 10:00-11:15
 - 12:00-1:15
 - 2:00-3:15
- All other grade levels will be set up very shortly. Teachers are eager to meet all the students and distribute any materials as soon as possible.



EA Home Base vs. EA Academy

- EA Home Base is the district's platform for providing virtual instruction using google classroom as well as other resources. The lessons are taught by our own teachers following our curriculum and moving through our textbook series.
- EA Academy is an outsourced virtual program run by an outside company not following our curriculum and textbook, but following the PA Core Standards.



Devices

- A survey went out to families regarding devices.
- If you have not completed the survey please do so immediately.
- The district has ordered a device for every student, but not all have yet arrived. We are asking for your patience and support as we wait for the devices to come in.
- If you have a computer, we are asking you to use your personal computer until a district device comes in. everyone will receive a district device when they are in.
- Information/details will be provided to families prior to the start of school regarding pick up.



Lunch

- Free lunches will be available at the High School while we are virtual.
- There will be various distribution sites throughout the community.
- Times and exact locations will be disseminated to everyone once established.



Google Classroom

- Google Classroom is the districts main platform to virtual instruction.
- Teachers will post their lessons and assignments on Google Classroom.
- Holly Spallone is our new technology coach and will be available to support teachers, students and parents. Her email is hspallone@eawildcats.net or googlequestions@eawildcats.net
- Additional support is located on the main page of our website, under [Google Classroom Information](#)
 - Parents guide to google classroom, How to stay organized, etc.
- Although teachers will primarily use Google Classroom as the educational platform, they will refer students to other educational programs to support the learning within with virtual lessons, similar to what may occur in an in-person setting.
- Student's have specific emails and passwords. Your classroom teacher will be in contact with that information



Academic Sessions

8:30-9:00 - Morning meetings

9:00-12:00 - Academic Sessions

- Specific times will be made available by your classroom teacher(s)

12:00-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-4:00 - Special Area Sessions / Small Group and Individual Virtual Sessions

- Some special area teachers may have two classes per day so the times might vary for the live lessons for your child's grade level
 - Example Grade 1 PE at 12:30 and grade 3 PE at 1:15



Academic Sessions continued

- Students will need to log in and complete their assignments everyday just like a normal school day.
- All lessons will be recorded in the event your child needs to watch at a later date or again.
- Assignments will be due as per teacher's request. Please contact the teacher if you are having issues and need more time. Lessons will build upon each other so assignments need to be turned in on time. A student can not wait to turn in assignments until the end of the week, in saying that, please contact your child's teacher if you have any issues.
- Grades will be issued as normal. Grades will be housed on google classroom and the final grade for the 9 weeks will be transferred to edustar for grades 1-6
- Title I - A permission form will be distributed to students involved in Title I Math and Reading to join them for additional supports.
- Tutoring for students will also be available as needed. Tutoring....will be a special request as needed?



Special Areas

- Logan will run a 5 day schedule to ensure that students do not miss a special.
- All students will have PE / Art / General Music / Library Media / Health
- Please refer to your child's Google Classroom for the special that they will have on any given day.
- In previous years, students in grades 4-5-6 have had Band, Orchestra and Chorus (BOC) incorporated into their schedules. This year, the BOC teachers will contact students individually for lessons.
 - Students will be contacted regarding BOC. I have suggested that Band and Orchestra develop a form for parents to complete
 - Chorus will be open to all.
- Once we return to in person classes, the special area schedule may change.



Support Services / Intervention Specialists

- Speech, OT and PT services will continue virtually
- Although we are online please make sure all immunizations are up to date. You can email the immunization update to our nurse at jstark@eawildcats.net or drop them off at the school.
- The district has partnered with Auberle to provide intervention support to students who may need it at Logan Elementary.
 - This position is a grant funded, contracted position to serve as part of East Allegheny's program of care for students who may have experienced trauma related to the COVID 19 Pandemic. This position will work with students and families from K-12 to provide therapeutic interventions that may be adversely affecting a student's academics, behaviors, social development, or attendance. Referrals for intervention will be made through the Student Assistance Teams, Student Support Teams, or directly by an administrator.
- Student Assistance Program - please contact one of our counselors for more information.
- Logan Elementary School Counselors:
 - K-4 - Mrs. Leslie Hawkins: lhawkins@eawildcats.net
 - 5-6 - Mrs. Cheryl Ihnat: cihnat@eawildcats.net



Questions and Answers

- As a parent who is hearing impaired. My question is will the google classes have closed captioning? I will be the sole parent helping her online throughout the day. So is anything in place for parents like me with disabilities to help their child learn?
 - Yes, we will do what we can to help support our families who have children with special needs.
- When do we find out who our child's teacher is?
 - Grades 1-6 were mailed out on the 14th
 - Grade K were mailed out on 8-19-20
- Will the Kindergarten kids also receive a paper packet with school work in addition to using google classroom?
 - Yes, this will depend on the classroom teacher, but I know the majority of the teachers at Logan will have workbooks available for your child.
- For parents that do not have a printer at home...will materials such as quizzes be available for pickup at the office?
 - All assignments and quizzes will be completed and turned through google classroom. Teachers have been informed not to required students to print and/or take pictures of assignments due to the fact that not all families have the capability. Once a child has a school issued device with a camera, then they may require pictures of certain activities.



Questions and Answers

- I work from home full-time. The only computer I have in my home belongs to my employer. My daughter is on the list for a Chromebook. If we don't receive one before school starts, how will I juggle my daughter's schedule with my work schedule?
 - We understand this concern and am hopeful that devices are on hand asap. All lessons will be recorded for students to watch in the evening.
- For working parents, would the children be able to participate in their specials later in the day as parents can for education/instruction?
 - Yes. Everything will be recorded and teachers can be available in the evening if needed. Please request this a day in advance.
- Health required us to print and upload quizzes from Brainpop JR versus completing them online like our teacher last year. Will specials be utilizing the actual programs this time around?
 - Yes, there will be not requirement for students to print and upload quizzes.
- Will students be attending class, in-person, after the 9 week remote learning?
 - Your guess is as good as mine. That is our goal, but only time will tell. The administration will work with the board to determine our next mode of instruction.



Questions Continued

- Will the deadlines be strict? Or laxed like last year.
 - They will be more strict than last year due to everyone will be teaching lessons virtually, but teachers will work with families as much as possible.
- When will we have a better idea of how our child's teacher will be handling information provided (when live sessions will be done, how many YouTube videos will need to be watched?) My son would benefit more from live session and YouTube videos are not effective for him to learn from. Would I just contact his teacher?
 - Yes, the teacher will be in contact with you regarding your child's schedule
- Is lunch on your own or a live time for socialization?
 - This is a Great Question!!!! Would be nice to socialize once in a while with a group lunch. That would be up to the classroom teacher.
- Will teachers be working from home or in the classroom during remote learning?
 - Some will be working from home and some will be working from school. If we need teachers in the building, they will be required to come in.



Questions and Answers

- When students return to the building will students still be able to switch classes for grade levels that switch?
 - Great question. We will have to determine what is best for the students and their academic performance when we return and to what capacity we return.
- Will textbooks be disseminated to all students or will that be determined by individual teachers during meet the teacher? For some sharing devices, it would be helpful..
 - Yes, workbooks will be distributed but textbooks will be available online
- Does it matter what time we log in to get credit for attendance?
 - No, we understand that families work and some families will complete the work in the evening.
- So as long as the assignments that are due for that particular day is completed they will get credit attendance for that day
 - Correct.
- What about the kids that are in daycare before and after school. How will that work out for them?
 - They would have to complete their work at the daycare or when they get home.



Questions and Answers

- Does student have to send in excuses for Doctor and or Dental app?
 - No, as long as they are completing the work as per the teachers directives
- Will parents be notified when devices are available?
 - Yes, If the devices are available, they should be notified by 8-21-20 for pick up the following week
 - When other devices come in, the district will notify families.
- For the EA Academy, will district teachers monitor the courses, or is it “outsourced” to a different entity (like the AIU)?
 - Outsourced through Edgenuity
- Last year teachers used Kahoot and seesaw with grades transferred to google classroom, will that happen this year or is it strictly google classroom assignments?
 - That may happen, depending on the classroom teacher and the additional classroom resources they utilize.
- Right now are we just waiting to hear from the teachers before we continue?
 - Yes, teachers will be in contact very soon
 - Tech department is working on a mailing for all families that contain individual student loginseangildeableblue bluetoodbluetooblue information.