



Dear Purpose Built Schools Families,

We are excited to begin a new school year at Thomasville Heights Elementary School

It is, of course, a year unlike any other we have all experienced, and this year especially the health and wellness of our students and staff at Purpose Built Schools is our top priority. As such, we have decided to follow APS's decision to move **Day 1 for School Year 2020-21 to Monday, August 24**. Like APS we will start school with virtual learning for all students. We will maintain this virtual model for at least the first nine weeks of school (through October 23). At that time APS will reassess the community health conditions to determine whether we can safely go back to in-person instruction.

Even though school does not start until August 24, we will offer **Orientation Sessions the weeks of August 10 and August 17**. We will reach out to you shortly to schedule a specific time for you and your children to come to the school to learn more about how virtual school will work. These sessions are extremely important. Among other things **we will distribute laptops to students, sign up families for free home internet service (if needed)**, conduct student assessments, meet with teachers in small groups, hand out learning materials to students, set learning expectations, and provide tools and training for you to best support your children. Please be on the lookout for communications from me scheduling your personal Orientation Session.

Our staff will begin planning for school on Monday, July 20, with a focus on delivering truly excellent virtual learning and establishing strong family connections. **Also beginning July 20 you will be able to register your children at the school**. Our team will reach out to tell you how.

Even though we will be virtual for at least nine weeks, we are confident we will provide your student with a strong and engaging school experience. Our student-centered and project-based curriculum helps students master core skills and offers support and resources to ensure they are ready to learn. We are committed to doing everything we can to help your student and family thrive.

When stopping by the school, please follow safety guidelines – masks and social distancing required. Our staff has ensured the school property is safe and following CDC recommendations.

And don't forget: [Enrollment is open!](#) If you haven't already done so, please enroll your student today.

Thank you for your decision to [#ChoosePurpose](#) this year. Our goal is to give our students the love, support and security to reach their full potential!

Below you will find a simple summary of activities leading up to the official start of school.

Sincerely,

Jovan Miles



Key Dates	Interaction	Key Activities
Registration and Parent Outreach July 20-24 July 27-31 August 3-7	Families can register for the 2020-21 school year and teachers will begin to connect with families about the new year	Family Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the new school year • Teachers connect with Families • Families provide feedback on support needed for upcoming year (including technology and internet needs)
Orientation: Return to Learning August 10-14 August 17-21	Parents and students come to school at designated times for small group meetings with teachers (Chromebook distribution and free internet accounts as needed)	Focus on Parent Orientation, Student Wellness & Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Enrollment • Technology support (WiFi, laptops) • Assess Student Learning • Parent Orientation • Social Emotional Learning Support • Health & Wellness Checks • Student Supply Distributions
Day 1: First Day of School August 24, 2020	Virtual Learning for all students (for at least 9 weeks of school or until we have entered minimal/moderate spread)	Focus on Student Learning and a Strong Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Engage with Curriculum • Additional Student Assessments • Get to Know You Activities • Learning Expectations