

MEMORANDUM

To: All APS Families

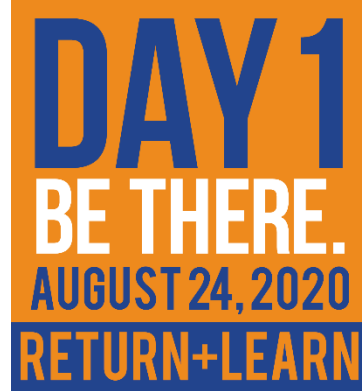
From: Dr. Lisa Herring, Superintendent

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Subject: APS Kinder Experience, #Pop Up Bash, Student Registration, and Other Updates

Dear Atlanta Public Schools Parents and Families:

Day One 2020 Return + Learn



There are a few key updates I want to share with you, and I want to make sure you have the latest information as we get closer to Day One.

Fireside Chat - August 13

Please join me and district leaders at two fireside chats on Thursday, August 13 focused on high schools and early education (Take Flight: APS Kinder Experience). Our high school fireside chat is at 5 p.m. on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94782473476> and the fireside chat on early education will begin at 6 p.m. on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94401022281>. Spanish interpretation will be available in the zoom room for both events and they will both be broadcast on the district's [Facebook page](#) (@AtlantaPublicSchools).

Take Flight: APS Kinder Experience

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall, we are excited to offer a high-quality, hands-on, and interactive experience that helps our most curious and creative learners build self-esteem, social skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. At APS, we know that an early start is key to a brighter future.

Be sure to register your kindergartner for school today at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/kinderenroll>, and join us on Thursday at 6 p.m. on Zoom (listed above) for a one-hour session designed to help families and children transition into a virtual kindergarten classroom. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about enrollment and the day-in-the-life of an APS kindergartner! Our committed and talented teachers have developed an engaging online learning experience for our young learners for the 2020-2021 school year.

#Pop Up Bash + Digital Experience During Runway Week

In the lead up to Day One, don't miss our #Pop Up Bash + Digital Experience during Runway Week, August 17 -21! We will bring you the fun and excitement of the Bash — just in a virtual model! Each day during Runway Week, APS has planned special digital experiences to get students and their families excited about the 2020-2021 school year. These digital experiences will start with planning your “trip” through “takeoff” for school through a series of fun and informative experiences. These events will be broadcast live on the district's [Facebook page](#) (@AtlantaPublicSchools) on Monday, August 17 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, August 18 through Friday, August 21 starting at noon.

Although the pandemic will prevent us from hosting our traditional Back to School Bash in person, we will still distribute backpacks and school supplies during Runway Week. Families will hear from their school about how and when they can get their backpack in conjunction with when they will be asked to come for Runway Week. To receive a backpack, you must sign up at www.emptystockingfund.org/aps-backpack-request-2020/. Registration closed for backpacks during Runway Week but you can still sign up to get backpacks in the future.

Student Registration

Students register when they are new to the district, entering grades K, 6, or 9 and whenever a change of address occurs. If none of these are applicable to your student – and you have provided up-to-date contact information to your school – you're good! If you need to complete your enrollment, you can do that conveniently online at www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/enrollment. APS will finalize enrollments via email, so our parents will not have to visit their child's school in person. If additional information is needed, APS will contact you.

APS Facebook in Spanish

APS recently launched a Facebook page for our Spanish-speaking families. This page will further enhance our efforts to provide families with educational and wellness resources in their native language. We are excited that this page will allow our World Languages team to connect with families in new ways. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/Atlanta-Public-Schools-Espanol-213281546756369/>

Nutrition Services

End of Summer Food Distribution

We began providing meals for all children in the community on Monday, August 10, and will provide them again on Monday, August 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Five-day meal bags with five breakfast meals and five lunch meals will be distributed at the 12 schools listed below. You can get those meals via walk up or drive-thru or on [these APS bus routes](#):

APS Food Distribution Sites on August 17

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| BEST Academy/CSKYWLA 1190 Northwest Dr, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 | Bunche Middle School 1925 Niskey Lake Rd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30331 | Carver High School 55 McDonough Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30315 |
| Douglass High School 225 Hamilton E Holmes Dr., NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 | John Lewis Middle School 1890 Donald Lee Hollowell Pky, NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 | King Middle School 545 Hill St SE, Atlanta, GA 30312 |
| Maynard H. Jackson High School , 801 Glenwood Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 | Mays High School 3450 Benjamin E. Mays Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30331 | Phoenix Academy (formerly Alonzo Crim High School) 256 Clifton St., SE, Atlanta, GA 30317 |
| South Atlanta High School 800 Hutchens Rd SE, Atlanta, GA 30354 | Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy 1626 Westhaven Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30311 | Washington High School 45 Whitehouse Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314 |

Order My Meals and Federal Eligibility Application Schools

Remember, you’ve got to order your meals this school year! Starting August 24, all APS families must pre-order meals for each week through the [MySchoolBucks online pre-order system](#). Those orders must be placed no later than one week before distribution. For example, you must order your meals by midnight on Monday, August 17 for bus delivery or curbside pickup at one of our school sites on Monday, August 24, the first day of school, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Also, these [21 APS schools](#) will participate in the Federal Eligibility Application (FEA) program this school year, which offers free and reduced meals to qualifying students. All students at FEA schools must apply to qualify for free or reduced meals by completing the [online FEA form](#).

Let’s continue to work together toward a great Day One! I look forward to seeing you on our fireside chats and during our virtual Bash next week. As always, stay healthy and be well.

Yours in service,

Dr. Lisa Herring