



SEABROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LIVING TO MAKE AN IMPACT



August 16, 2022

Greetings Seabrook Family,

Seabrook Elementary Vision: We will foster a positive school climate by promoting academic growth, providing a safe and supportive environment, and building effective home-school partnerships to ensure that all students will be college and career ready.

As a staff we work hard to fulfill this vision each day.

Welcome to Seabrook:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. We are ready for our students to return to school beginning on Monday, August 29, 2022. We will be returning to 100% students in the physical school building. Seabrook Elementary will operate during our regularly scheduled hours, from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm. (Monday through Friday)

If this is your child's first year at Seabrook Elementary, we welcome you to the Seabrook Dolphin family. Seabrook continues to be a High Performing school in Lanham. I continue to stand firm on my educational philosophy that all students can learn and deserve to receive a quality education. Every day I work hard to ensure that effective teaching occurs in each classroom for every student. Everything is progressing smoothly to provide a great opening of school. Please have your students bring their electronic devices to school each day starting the first day of school. (iPads, Chromebooks).

Staffing

We will have two classes on each grade level from Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade **except in 1st & 4th Grade** where we will have 3 classes to reduce class size. Our two Pre-Kindergarten classes will continue to be a full day program. Additionally, we have regained the funding to purchase our Parent Engagement Assistant to support our parents, provide resources, and facilitate parent workshops. Mr. Riggins will be returning to Seabrook Elementary and is willing to assist you in any way possible. This year we will have a Data Coach, (2) ESOL



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Resource Teachers, (2) Special Education Resource Teachers and a Math Resource Teacher to support students. Seabrook will continue to receive Title 1 funding to support our instructional program and we are glad that Ms. McKoy will be returning to provide that assistance. We have our Professional School Counselor, Ms. Hawkins returning to Seabrook. She will continue to support the entire Seabrook Community. We will also be implementing for a third year our Community Schools Model. We welcome the community partnerships we will form. As well as the resources and services that will be provided to our families.

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Fernandez our former Assistant Principal who has transferred to Charles County Public Schools as an administrator. We wish him well as he begins this new endeavor. We now welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Oluseun Holmes to the Seabrook Family. She is coming to us from Bladensburg Elementary where she was a successful Instructional Leader who did great things for that school. We look forward to the work she will do at Seabrook Elementary.

Classroom Teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year

Grade Level	Teachers
Pre-K	Ms. Beasley & Ms. Young
Kindergarten	Ms. Leach & Ms. Royal
1 st Grade	Ms. Lee, Ms. Lexie & Ms. Zacarias
2 nd Grade	Mrs. Maglangit & Mrs. Ronduen
3 rd Grade	Ms. Barry & Ms. Tanner
4 th Grade	Mr. Belton, Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Teel
5 th Grade	Ms. Jones & Ms. Reavis

I am privileged to have the opportunity to return this school year as your Principal. I feel honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, wonderful students, and our supportive parents. The elementary years are critical times of child development and I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year successful.

As I have shared in the past, we cannot do this important work alone. Together, the home and school bond can make a tremendous impact on our students’ academic performance. We are indeed partners. Please let us know whatever way, you would like to be involved in the school and we will make it possible while adhering to COVID Safety Compliance.

Seabrook School Supply list

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTKrotQJ3caI44ToLOoEIsB0Q-YFr9Cc7E2LxfOKSiChhU6CvDjYDBiaevRmZHR02nB1HcDyzmpJMO/pub>

Orientation Session-PreK, Kindergarten & New students to Seabrook

On Friday, August 26, 2022, we will conduct our PreK, Kindergarten & new students to Seabrook Orientation. You will have an opportunity to visit your child’s classroom at a designated time.



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Orientation Sessions for Grades 1st through 5th

All teacher introduction videos will be available through the school's website, School Dojo and Emails, if you have already signed up for School Messenger.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE - FRIDAY August 26, 2022

- **Pre-Kindergarten:** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - **In-person at the school**
- **Kindergarten:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - **In-person at the school**
- **New Students to Seabrook:** 11:00 am-12:00 pm **In person at the school**

Important Dates to Remember:

- **August 26th** - Pre-K, Kindergarten & New Students to Seabrook Orientation - **in person at the designated time.**
- **August 29th- First Day of School for Students**
- **September 5th** - Labor Day – Schools & Offices Closed
- **August 30th** Chromebooks /iPads for new students during the school day based on what is available. Please note that if we run out of devices, we will do all that is necessary to ensure that your child receives his or her device as soon as possible.
- **September 22nd at 6pm, Back to School Night (Virtual)**
- **September 30th** -Professional Development Day - Schools Closed for students
- **October 5th** - Yom Kippur Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed
- **October 10th**-Native American Heritage Day & Parent Teacher Conferences-Schools Closed for Students
- **October 21st** -Professional Development -Schools Closed for Students
- **November 4th** -End of 1st Quarter
- **November 7**-Professional Day for Teachers-2 hours Early Dismissal
- **November 8**- Election Day-Schools & Offices Closed
- **November 21 & 22** 2 Hours Early Dismissal for students
- **November 23-25** Thanksgiving Break- Schools & Offices Closed
- **December 23, 26-30** Winter Break & Christmas -Schools and Offices Closed

School Meals

Food and Nutrition Services will resume normal operations of National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Afterschool Supper Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Meal Benefit Applications

- **Meal benefit Applications (Lunch Application) is required to determine eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals.**



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- **Lunch application packets are available in the office.**
- **Households can complete an application online at [Myschoolapps.com](https://myschoolapps.com). Online applications are processed within 24-48 hours.**
- **Students not eligible for free or reduced-priced meals must pay for their meals.**
- **Parents are encouraged to complete the lunch application to determine eligibility for meal benefits and other need base school programs.**

Meal Service: Breakfast and lunch will be offered in all schools

Meal prices:

Students eligible for free or reduced-price meals – no cost

Paid breakfast all grade levels - \$1.60

Paid elementary lunch - \$2.75

[School Lunch Application](#)

UNIFORMS: Since before 2009, Seabrook Elementary School has been an approved **Mandatory Uniform School** by the Prince George’s County School Board of Education. **All students** are required to wear uniforms.

Please [click here](#) for our School Uniform Policy.

Mask Policy Update:

In light of the highly contagious COVID-19 BA.5 variant, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will return to a mandatory mask policy in all schools and facilities until further notice, effective Monday, August 15. This decision was recommended by the Prince George’s County Health Department.

When responding to public health threats such as COVID-19, Maryland school districts have flexibility in determining mask-wearing policies. In July, PGCPS transitioned from mandatory mask-wearing to a mask-optional policy for the first time since the onset of the pandemic.

Mask policy is subject to change according to local and/or state health department guidance and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.



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IMMUNIZATIONS: To help you prepare with ensuring that your child is properly immunized, Prince George's County Public Schools is offering **free** immunization clinics for students. **Remember, No Shots, No School!** Make an appointment for routine immunizations today! Kindergarteners in the State of Maryland are **required** to get a second dose of the chickenpox vaccine.

New: Free August Immunization Clinics!

PGCPS will host free immunization clinics from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the sites below to assist families with meeting immunization requirements. Families must register online for an appointment. These services are offered in collaboration with the Prince George's County Health Department and the Maryland Partnership for Prevention.

LOCATIONS AND DATES

Oxon Hill High School
6701 Leyte Drive | Oxon Hill
August 15-17

Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road | Landover
August 18 & 19

Northwestern High School
7000 Adelphi Road | Hyattsville
August 22, 24 & 26

NOTE: The Prince George's County Health Department has additional dates and times daily.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Appointments are required. Online registration link:
www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/clinic/search

MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.pgcps.org/offices/school-health/immunizations/upcoming-clinics for details!



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School Bus Transportation Reminders



To secure school bus transportation for the start of the 2022-23 school year, your student should have been registered for school by Wednesday, August 10th.

Elementary school students residing one and one-half miles or more from their assigned school, and middle school and high school students residing two miles or more from their assigned school are eligible for transportation.

To view bus stops near you, use our [Infofinder tool](#).

Have transportation questions? Contact the call center at 301-952-6570.

Questions/concerns may also be submitted online:

[Click here to submit!](#)

Student Log-in Information

For students to access anything on the PGCPS domain, they will need their username and password. Returning students' information is the same as last year. For new Seabrook students who attended another Prince George's County Public School last year, they can reuse the same username and passwords from the previous school. For students new to PGCPS, they will receive their username and password at school.

Safe Internet Use

It is important that students who are using PGCPS issued devices use their devices for instructional purposes only. While students are learning online, we want to continue to protect them by encouraging a safe and secure learning environment. It is also important to make sure that students are making choices that align with the expectations and policies included in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Hapara, similar to Go Guardian for Teachers, is a classroom management solution that allows teachers to send documents, communicate and monitor students' online activity. Parents will be contacted for their support if it is brought to the administration's attention that students are accessing sites other than the teaching ones intended for student use.



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Student Attendance (all students)

Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of each day in SchoolMAX. If your child is absent, please provide the teacher an absence note. If your child is absent for 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.

For students to receive make up assignments, their parents need to provide an absence note documenting their excused absence.

Early Dismissal

All students leaving class before the school day ends fall in the category of early dismissal. Being dismissed early from school often will affect a student's attendance. Early dismissal is anytime a student leaves the learning experience before 3:10 pm. Following these guidelines will help us to reduce classroom disruptions during instructional times.

Our "Early Dismissal" procedures are only in place for students who have doctor/dental appointments or family emergencies, which prevent the student from completing the entire school day. Instruction is ongoing from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm. We don't want your student to miss any vital information. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments. Your student's education is always our top priority.

Grades/Progress Reports & Report Cards

Students will receive letter or numerical grades on specific assignments according to the grading policy. Teachers may collect student work via a variety of resources. It is important that students turn in all their assignments in order to be successful in each subject area. Teachers will collect a minimum of two grades per week for elementary depending on the number of meetings/periods that occurred that week.

During the 2022-2023 school year, progress report grades and report card grades will be available in SchoolMAX after every marking period. Students will be able to log into SchoolMAX to view their grades at any time throughout the school year. Parents can also receive an account to access their child's grades on the SchoolMAX family portal.

SchoolMAX Family Portal

As you are aware, the school system implemented the SchoolMAX Family Portal. This system provides a method for families to access their children's attendance, grades, family information, and discipline incidences twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Please make sure that you take advantage of this system that will allow you to constantly monitor your children's progress in school. If you have not received your unique access key for the Family Portal, please email any of the following staff members for assistance: Mr. Jose Riggins, Parent Engagement Assistance, Ms. Ebonie Hawkins, Professional School Counselor, Mrs. Jena Pena, Secretary 1 and Mrs. Cynthia Sykes, Business Accounting Technician. The SchoolMAX system is now open to parents for this school year. You may edit and update your phone numbers and home address information if needed. We encourage all parents to ensure their contact



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information in SchoolMAX is correct. If the data is incorrect in the system, you will not receive the necessary updates or be able to access student passwords for the upcoming school year.

Please be aware that if changes are made in SchoolMAX, parents will have to provide proof/evidence of residency through the PGCPS online registration process. We look forward to providing weekly updates for the upcoming school year in order to keep everyone informed.

Cell Phones / Electronics/Toys

We are requesting that students do not use their cell phones during instruction. Cell phones must be turned off and put away during the school day. All other electronics, game systems and toys are not permitted to be used during learning time. **The Seabrook staff cannot be responsible for lost or damage cell phones neither other personal items. Students bring these items to school at their own risks.**

Communication with Parents

While we encourage parents to talk with teachers about their children's progress throughout the school year, teachers cannot be interrupted during the instructional day. If you need to speak with your children's teacher(s), please email them and they will call you at their earliest convenience, within 48 hours. If you are unable to reach the teacher within the 48 hours or it is an emergency, call the school and the secretary will take a message to relay to the teacher.

Visitors to the School Building

Per Prince George's County Public Schools Safety Policy, all visitors must present a photo identification to enter the school building. Identification cards will be scanned through the school's security system and upon successful clearance, a visitor's pass will be issued. Prince George's County is requiring that all visitors must be scanned through the security system to ensure safety throughout the **school year**. Due to COVID-19 the following measures are also being taken for all visitors entering our school building:

- Call the school and make an appointment to ensure that staff are in the building and can provide the assistance you need the day you plan to come see us.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask that you not enter the school building and visit us another day. Contact your health care provider and get the support you need right away.
- Currently, PGCPS has required that all visitors and employees must wear a mask when entering the school building for safety reasons.
- Please practice social distancing by maintaining 3 feet or more distance from others.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Cover your mouth when you are coughing or sneezing.

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First Day of School Classroom Visitation:

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 Safety Precautions, we are unable to accommodate parents visiting classrooms on the first day of school. **We will provide brief welcome back videos for all parents that will introduce you to your child's teacher.** We will also provide in person orientation for students in Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and new students to Seabrook on Friday, August 26, 2022. Your child's safety is our top priority!

Here are just a few ways out of many that you can assist us:

Continue to support your child at home with schoolwork and projects

Access the SchoolMAX System for current grades, check student attendance and behavior status

Support our Parent group

Make a request for a virtual parent conference to be aware of how your child is doing in school.

Share your career at our Virtual Career Day

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to seek our staff assistance. In most cases, there is a reasonable explanation for any circumstance.

Your partnership will make all the difference in our success this school year! Please call the school and speak to our Parent Engagement Assistant or Administrators for specific ways you can help us.



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I look forward to working with you and your child throughout this new school year to provide a rigorous curriculum and a safe learning environment that supports student achievement. See you soon in person or virtually.

Your Partner in Education,

Principal