

# GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are just days away from the start of our 2020-2021 school year and I am so excited! The entire staff at Lincoln School have been working very hard preparing for our first day of school on September 10.

- Students in grades 1-4 will have in-person learning from 8:15am-12:15pm. Virtual students in grades 1-4 should log into their chromebooks and access their teacher's Google Classroom at that time.
- Students in grades 5-8 will have in-person learning from 8:25am-12:25pm. Our virtual students in grades 5-8 should log into their chromebooks and access their teacher's Google Classroom during those times as well.
- Virtual students in grades 6-8 will receive their schedule on September 9 via parental email. In-person students will receive their schedules from their homeroom teachers.
- It is the expectation that our virtual students will be in their respective Google Meets the entire four hours of synchronous learning. Virtual students may have to wait a few minutes for their classmates to get to their homerooms the first few days of school as everyone gets used to the beginning of the school year routines.
- The link for the Meet will be in the stream of each teacher's Google Classroom. Our teachers will be sending Google Classroom information to their students via our parental email list on Tuesday, September 8. The information will also be posted on each teacher's Teacher Page which can be accessed from our website. [garwoodschoools.org](http://garwoodschoools.org)
- Teachers will also be sending other information regarding their individual Google Classroom expectations by Wednesday, September 9.
- The audio and video components of the Google Meet will be active most of the day. It may not be active when the in-person students are unpacking at the start of the school day, packing up at the end of the school day, snack-time, and anytime that the students are not in the classroom. (gym, recess, outdoor brain/SEL breaks)
- The four hours of synchronous learning will concentrate on but not be limited to Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies. Our students will have gym (Physical Education) each day. They will have one period of Art and one period of World Languages per week.
- There will be Google Meets in the afternoon from 2:00- 2:55. Times may vary based on each teacher's schedule and teaching duties. Each teacher will be sending specific times for their Meets which will be posted in their Google Classroom streams. The afternoon Google Meet will be for our virtual students only for the first couple of weeks of school.
- There will be Virtual Google Classrooms for Art, Music, Physical Education, and SEL (Social Emotional Learning) All of our students will be expected to access each of these classrooms after the four hour school day and submit an assignment in each at least once a week.

The following are some helpful links with additional information regarding Lincoln School's Learning Plan and Google Classroom.

[In-Person Learning](#)   [Virtual Learning](#)   [Parents-Ultimate-Guide-to-Google-Classroom](#)

We will be having a Google Meet for the families of our virtual learners on Tuesday at 6:30pm for grades 1-5 and 7:30pm for grades 6-8 to help answer any further questions that you may have. The Google Meet invitations will be sent via email on Tuesday afternoon.

Partnering with families will be crucial this year as we face many uncertainties due to the global pandemic. We appreciate your support as you work with your students at home to practice safety protocols such as wearing a mask and washing hands. We encourage our families to stay connected and informed by following our district website, [www.garwoodschoools.org](http://www.garwoodschoools.org) for important updates and additional information. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember, as adults, we set the tone for our children. We all want what's best for our students and it's that common goal that will bring us together. We will get through this together if we continue to believe the best of one another.

Be safe, be well,

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