

Dear Kennedy Crew Families,

I hope that you all are enjoying the final weeks of summer. I am looking forward to our first day of school on September 8th. I can only assume that you have many questions about the upcoming year. Here is some information that will help you, our Kennedy Crew Families, to begin our 20-21 school year virtually.

Sincerely,

Chalita Middleton, Principal

1. What will the schedule look like for the first 6 weeks of school?

Our schedule will be the same as it is during our regular school day. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students will come to school (virtually) by logging into their class by 8:00. Students will have at least 5 live interactions with a Kennedy teacher **every day (M, T, Th and Fri)**. Teachers will communicate with you during our Hopes and Dreams meetings (September 1-3) what their schedule will be. The school day will end at 3:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, we will start at 8:00. Students will have 4 live sessions and school will end at 1:35.

2. Will school work be the same as it was in the spring?

No. The **5 live** connections each day along with additional independent work that will be delivered daily is a **HUGE** change from the spring. Students will have a lesson from our PE teachers, Music teacher, Art teacher, Librarian and our Counselor weekly. Work will be checked, feedback will be given to students, NEW teaching will take place from day to day.

3. Will teachers take attendance?

YES! Starting September 8th, we will take attendance in the morning and in the afternoon. We are expecting to see our students at ALL live lessons. If your student doesn't attend the live sessions, families will need to complete the Learning Log. Kansas school attendance requirements are in effect throughout the 2020-2021 school year and students are subject to become truant if they are not participating.

4. What is Webex?

Webex is the new digital platform that we will be using, instead of Zoom. You will find a Family Tech Guide on our Kennedy Google Site (September 1st). During Hopes and Dreams, teachers will demonstrate how to add this to your student's iPads.

5. Will our kids get supplies? I am encouraging you to purchase school supplies as you would if we were to start in-person. The supply list is on the Kennedy website www.usd497.org/Kennedy and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KennedyCondors>. Your child(ren) will need these to complete different tasks assigned to them by their teacher(s). We are also asking you to pick up a school supplied learning "kit" that contains supplies that your child(ren) will use in their remote classroom. Teachers created these kits to support the teaching and learning throughout our virtual delivery. These kits can be picked up during Hopes and Dreams meetings (September 1-3). Everything in the kits will remain home even if we return to in-person learning after 6 weeks.

6. Will we have Hopes and Dreams Meetings?

YES! We will have our Hopes and Dreams meetings September 1-3. Teachers will reach out starting on August 31. If you don't receive a call, call our office (785) 832-5760 to sign up for a time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

7. When will I find out who my child's teacher is?

You will receive a phone message on August 28th, from Mrs. Middleton welcoming you and your child to the 20-21 school year.