

THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS EDITION • AUGUST 12, 2020

# THE MONARCH

DCIS AT FAIRMONT NEWSLETTER



**DCIS**  
AT FAIRMONT  
*Explore the world. Begin here.*



## AUGUST UPDATES

BY PRINCIPAL ALEX WENZEL

Dear Families,

I can't help but laugh a little at what a crazy time we are in! Recently our staff watched [this video](#) and had a good time stress-relieving with humor! Maybe you will enjoy it too :) A

As we are making our remote teaching plans we have been mourning all that is lost in our relationships with families and students during these times. We know there are ways to stay connected and creative ideas to keep kids learning and thriving. But we also know it can't possibly be the same. Even though we know it isn't forever, the entire game of education has changed and we have to change with it.

We know our families have had just as many changes as we have had (if not more) and so I hope this update includes everything you need to know about remote learning, supplies, technology, remote home visits, support during Covid-19 and more. I hope you will be as excited as we are about our remote model!

You will be hearing from your child's teacher in the coming week and seeing it come alive. As always, I'm here and hope you reach out anytime you need to.

Yours in Partnership,

Alex

[alexandria\\_wenzel@dpsk12.org](mailto:alexandria_wenzel@dpsk12.org)

## CONTENTS:

- Our Remote Model
- Supply Pick-up
- Annual Family Update
- Important Dates
- Parent Permission to use Technology
- Tech Support
- Shared Childcare Opportunities
- Helping each other through covid-19
- Black Lives Matter Walk
- Remind App
- School Based Health Centers

# BLACK LIVES MATTER WALK

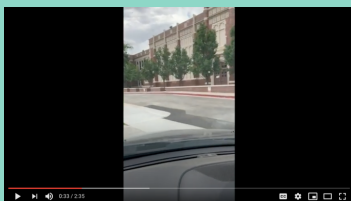
Thanks for those of you who were able to attend on August 10th! Students made signs and walked around the block in solidarity with each other. See facebook for pictures!

## AUGUST 17th 1-5 Supply & Tech Pick-up

All students ECE through 5th will pick up supplies, technology and books on August 17th. Here is a [How-To Video](#):

### Pick-up Schedule, August 17th:

- 1-2pm- ECE and Kinder
- 2-3pm- 1st and 2nd
- 3-4pm- 3rd and 4th
- 4-5pm- 5th (and anyone that couldn't come earlier)



If you are able to pay, the cost of the supplies is \$15. If you can only pay some, or none of that, we can sponsor your supply bag. You can bring cash, check or credit card. Cash will be fastest! Exact change, please. You may also sponsor a family by paying more than \$15 at the time of pick-up. Please wear a mask and stay in your vehicles as much as possible to keep everyone safe.

Kinder, 1st and 2nd: You will need an iPad for remote learning. If you were given a chromebook, please bring this with you to exchange on August 17th. If your iPad is broken, please bring it to exchange.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade: You will need a chromebook for remote learning. If you were given an iPad, please bring it with you to exchange on August 17th. If your chromebook is broken, please bring it to exchange. Headphones will be available and internet hotspots are available upon need and request. Thanks!

## Our Remote Model



Watch this video to learn about the Remote Teaching model your child will participate in!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxFS5GMfogsE&feature=youtu.be>

## ANNUAL FAMILY UPDATE

Need help with completing registration through the Annual Family Update? Check out detailed directions [here](#). If you are struggling with logging in, contact 720.423.3163. If you need a printed copy, call (720) 424-7620. If you need support with completing registration, please reach out to Favi Brady, our family liaison, at 720.424.7664 or [Faviola\\_brady@dpsk12.org](mailto:Faviola_brady@dpsk12.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- August 17th - Supply, Tech and Book pick-up 1-5 pm
- Week of August 17th - Remote Home Visits
- August 24th - First Day of School
- End of the Month- Registration through Annual Family Update closes
- September 3rd, 3-4 pm - Virtual Back to School Night
- September 14th, 8:30am - Virtual ELA-PAC Coffee with the principal <https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?pwd=K2xYYUFZRNvBcXJMOXkrQ2lvdz09>
- September 15th, 8:30am - Virtual Coffee with the principal <https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?pwd=K2xYYUFZRNvBcXJMOXkrQ2lvdz09>

## SHARED CHILDCARE OPPORTUNITIES

We recognize the enormous importance of adult support for students' success in remote learning and we know that many of us parents can't do it alone. Would you like to connect with other neighborhood DCIS at Fairmont families that may be willing to childcare share with you? [Please fill out this form](#) and we will do our best to make these connection points.

# SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Some of our DPS School Based Health Centers are currently open and doing in person and telehealth appointments. To make an appointment is 303-602-8958 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon-Fri.

- Services offered by the SBHC may include:
- Telehealth options
- Mental health and substance use counseling- Consultations on sick visits-
- Oral health screenings and triage for further dental care-
- Screenings for comprehensive wellness and mental health-
- Asthma checks-
- Consultations for medicine refills, and more.

## HELPING EACH OTHER THROUGH COVID-19

Need some help right now? Can you give some help to others? Become a member of our private Facebook page: [DCIS at Fairmont Family Support-Apoyo Familiar](#). Also, check out these great resources for Parenting in Covid-19: [English](#), [Spanish](#).

If your family is in need of something specific, you are encouraged to reach out to our school psychologist, Sherri Slaymaker [sherri\\_slaymaker@dpsk12.org](mailto:sherri_slaymaker@dpsk12.org) (english) or our family liaison, Faviola Brady, [faviola\\_brady@dpsk12.org](mailto:faviola_brady@dpsk12.org) (spanish)

## ASAP!

# Parent Permission to Use Technology

Since we are in a remote world, we are going to need great technology to make teaching and learning easier and more fun. To do that we need your permission to use technology tools with your child. [Please fill out this form ASAP](#) so we can begin getting your child set up. Reach out with any questions to Alex, [alexandria\\_wenzel@dpsk12.org](mailto:alexandria_wenzel@dpsk12.org).

## TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Does your family have specific technology needs? Including devices and internet WiFi hotspots for your home? Chromebook not working right? Please reach out to Cody Mitchell, our own personal DCIS at Fairmont tech guy at [cody\\_mitchell@dpsk12.org](mailto:cody_mitchell@dpsk12.org)

## \*\* REMIND APP \*\*

Remind is one of the primary forms of communication for DCIS at Fairmont. Please download the app and sign up for email and/or text notifications. [Directions found here](#). When new teacher classrooms are set up, you will receive a new code to join your new classroom! If you are already on Remind, please make sure notifications are turned on so that you are up to date with the most recent information.



## THANK YOU!

DCIS Leadership