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# **EXPLORIS NEWS**

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#### WELCOME BACK!

Details about the first day of classes, The Meet-the-Teacher Drive Through Event, and what to expect the first week of classes <u>Link to The Exploris School</u> <u>Calendar</u>

#### TECH NEEDS SURVEY

Important survey for all families so we can make sure students have what they need to succeed

#### REOPENING TASK FORCE

Updates from the Reopening Task Force meetings this month

#### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE COMING SOON

Exploris has contracted with Ryan Givens of Studio RTP to do a complete redesign of our school website. This new interface will be a responsive design that will adjust for different platforms such as laptops, tablets, and phones, and will be a sleeker, more user-friendly way to access key information throughout the school year. Look for a launch in September! Meanwhile, Please follow <u>The Exploris PTO Website</u> for updates and info!





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At the Explorins School we are committed to global educators. Since welcoming our first class in 1997 our school wide instructional approach has been based on preparing our students for life in an interconnected world. We explore new ways for students to learn about the world and themshes. Together, Explorins teachers, students, and pacents have created a dynamic learning environment that thut redefines the K-8 dex.atlonal experiment. Invaston and excellence are the standards we use to measure our success, and we have samed a reputation for built.





## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19 2020

We will begin the 2020-2021 school year on Wednesday, August 19th! Attendance at school is always important for learning, and attendance during the first 20 days of school is critical for success!

- 1. To be counted as present for attendance, follow the directions your teachers will send you about how to log on to their classrooms for the first day! Email your teachers right away if you have any difficulties.
- 2. Students will receive important information and have a chance to meet classmates as well as learn about schedules and tech platforms those first days of school
- 3. For charter schools, it's crucial that we have 100% of our students in attendance the first day of school and beyond-- our funding for the entire school year depends on those numbers!
- 4. Please join us on Monday, Aug. 17th from 4-6 pm for a special drive-through, Meet-the-Teacher event. See page 3 and more details will follow shortly!





#### REOPENING TASK FORCE

Over 24 staff members, parents, and Board members have been meeting since April to explore the best way to reopen the Exploris School campuses.

This team has been researching, attending information sessions at the local and state levels, conducting focus groups and Q&A sessions to make sure we had the best information to guide our decisions.

Exploris will be opening under what we are calling Plan C "plus," with the "plus" meaning that physical buildings will be open, and some staff members can arrange small meet ups on or off campus with students, following all of the protocols for screening, cleaning, masking, and distancing outlined in our school Covid-19 guidelines. These meet ups will not be a part of regular instruction, but will be offered from time to time for teachers and students who are comfortable with the protocols. Watch your student's crew newsletter for info and updates.

Exploris PTO welcomes you to visit our website at <u>ExplorisPTO.org</u>

#### IMPORTANT HOME TECHNOLOGY SURVEY:

Please fill out the tech survey for each student who attends Exploris. This will help us make sure every child has devices and connectivity in order to be able to participate in remote learning. The link and information can also be found in your email.

Click here to take the survey!

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## **Contact Us!**

General Questions: Leadership@Exploris.org

**Student Needs:** Michelle Duncan, School Counselor MichelleD@Exploris.org (social/emotional, free/reduced price lunch, food or housing insecurity)

**PTO:** *PTOpres@Exploris.o* rg

### THE EXPLORIS SCHOOL

# BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE-BY MEET THE TEACHER!

# AUGUST 17, 2020 4:00-6:00PM

Roll your window down, meet your crew teacher, pick up supplies if your teacher has some, play loud music, have fun!