



BATTLE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Althea Bossard, Interim Principal

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Dear Battle Hill Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as I continue my role as the Interim Principal of Battle Hill Elementary School. The 2019-2020 school year is one that I am sure we will never forget. We shared many special moments, and I look forward to sharing many more with you. I am truly honored to be a part of this wonderful community. We have an incredible PTA that cares deeply for all the students and staff here at the school. They will continue to provide fun and engaging activities throughout the school year. Our teaching staff is unmatched. They will continue to work tirelessly for the academic achievement and social growth of all their students. I can truly say that Battle Hill Elementary School is an incredible place!

We are facing an unprecedented time in our country's history. Many of us have experienced many losses and stresses during this period. One thing is certain; our children always see the positive in everything. We can look into their eyes and have hope. They are resilient and can handle much more than we think. As a parent of two teenagers in high school, I completely understand how many of you feel during this Back to School season. We will try our best as a community to make your children's experience at Battle Hill one that they will cherish.

Our district will be starting the year off with virtual learning. Your students will be involved in Synchronous and Asynchronous learning throughout the day. They will have the opportunity to see their teachers and classmates daily. We will also attempt to provide opportunities for the students to come together for socially distanced, outside activities. **Chromebook/Materials distribution will be on September 3rd.** On this day your children will have the opportunity to meet their classroom teachers. There are many parents that have not completed the Chromebook agreement in Genesis. You will **NOT** be able to receive one if you do not have this completed. As a reminder, the only grades at this time that will be receiving a Chromebook are the students in grades 2, 3, and 4. I would still encourage the other parents in the other grades to complete the Chromebook agreement as you may receive the Chromebooks at a later date.



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The schedule for Virtual Learning will be slightly different from a typical in-person learning experience. Your child's teacher will provide you with their specific classroom schedule. Below is sample of Virtual Learning schedule:

Time	Description
8:00- 8:45	Preparation for the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Breakfast *● Gathering materials for the day● Sign-in● Preparing both mentally and physically for learning
8:45-11:35	Classroom Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Each classroom teacher will provide you a detailed educational schedule which will include the times the core subjects will be taught, as well as special areas such as art, music, Spanish, physical education, computers and SEL.● Synchronous and Asynchronous learning will occur.
11:35-1:00	Lunch Time for everyone <ul style="list-style-type: none">● During this lunch time, instruction will pause so that all students and staff can eat lunch and prepare for afternoon lessons.
1:00-3:00	Classroom Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Each classroom teacher will provide you a detailed educational schedule which will include the times core subjects will be taught, as well as special areas such as art, music, Spanish, physical education, computers and SEL.● Students will be required to sign back into Google Classroom after lunch.● Synchronous and Asynchronous learning will occur.● Closing of the day and student/teacher check-ins.

***For students who need breakfast and lunch, Pomptonian, our food service provider, will provide breakfast and lunch daily for pick up.**



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We have had some changes here at Battle Hill. Mrs. Soares has moved to Union High School as a counselor. We are happy and excited for her. She will be greatly missed! I would like to welcome Mr. Michael DuBose, our new school counselor. As a proud educator, he loves collaborating with school stakeholders, school personnel, the family, and the wider community. His former experience includes instructing grades 4 and 5 and serving as the school Summer School Director. Additionally, his education experience spans from elementary to high school levels. His primary goal for the 2020-2021 school year is directed to ensure all students have a positive and productive learning experience.

Dates to Remember:

September 3rd - Chromebook/Materials Distribution

9:30 - 2nd Grade

10:30 - 3rd Grade

11:30 - 4th Grade

1:00 - Pre K, K

2:00 - 1st Grade

September 9th - First day of School - Virtual

I am committed to the parents, staff and students at Battle Hill and will continue to immerse myself completely in our school and community. As the Interim Principal of Battle Hill, my goal is to ensure that all the students here are happy, safe and educationally challenged. I have an open door policy to all staff members, students and parents. Ultimately, your student's success will be our success as a Battle Hill community. I look forward to working with all of you.

As always, I am available if you have any questions or concerns. I thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to provide the best experiences for our students during this time.

Sincerely,

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