



# Powel Parent News

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## Help for Parents to Navigate & Support Remote Learning



We are all navigating a lot right now. While we cannot escape the many complexities of this current situation, we can try our best to KISS -- keep it super simple.

To that end, here is our best, streamlined, prioritized advice for supporting remote learning:

- Make and stick to a simple schedule.** Children benefit from structure, predictability, and routine.
- Check [ClassDojo](#)** for announcements from your child’s teacher and other Powel staff.
- Use Google Classroom** to access remote learning assignments and links to “live” Google Meet sessions.
- Reach out if you have questions or need help.** We are all in this together.

## Feedback Opportunity for Parents

Each Spring, we have a Title 1 Meeting in which we review our Parent Compact and our Parent and Family Engagement policy. Due to the current circumstances, this meeting will not be held as planned; however, we still want your feedback and input on the documents.

[Please complete this simple survey](#) to provide your input into how we can best engage parents and how parents can support their child’s education. (Links to Powel’s draft 2020-21 School-Parent Compact and Parent/Family Engagement Policy are in the survey.)

## Teaching & Learning

We are now in Phase IV of the District’s Remote Learning Plan. Many families are wondering what is required at this time - and what “counts” for those requirements. The chart below provides a high level summary of Phase IV requirements and how to meet them.

### Attendance = Participation

Attendance is determined by **participation** in remote learning. Participation on Google Classroom can be:

- answering a check in question in the stream
- joining GoogleMeet “live” lessons
- completing assignments on time

*Note: Any combination of the above will “count” for attendance; if students are unable to participate in one way, they can participate in another.*

### Graded Work & Activities (Required)

- Literacy/ELA: 2 assignments every week
- Math: 2 assignments every week
- Science: 1 assignment every other week
- Social Studies: 1 assignment every other week
- Health/PE: 1 assignment every other week
- Music: 1 assignment every other week

*Note: For students with IEPs, completing work assigned by T.Tara or T.Sontag will “count” for their weekly graded assignments in ELA and/or Math (depending on the content of individual assignments). These students do not need to complete classroom assignments on top of individualized work.*

### Non-Graded Activities (Optional)

- Ms. Bunyon’s Guidance lessons & activities
- Mr. Dadzie’s CARES video challenges
- STEP team Tips & Clips
- “Extra Practice” assignments
- “Enrichment” assignments

“Remote Learning” is new for all of us. Thank you for your ongoing patience, flexibility, and feedback!

## Resources & Information for Parents

### Need meals?

- See this [map of free food distribution sites](#)
- Call the WhyHunger hotline: 1-800-5HUNGRY or text your ZIP code to 1-800-548-6479 to receive a list of nearby food pantries.
- The District is offering a week's supply of breakfasts and lunches, every Thursday 9:00AM-12:00PM at their Grab and Go sites. (see the District website for all locations)

### Need help with your child's schoolwork?

- The Free Library of Philadelphia offers [live virtual tutoring](#) support for students 24/7.
- To access the service, you need to log in with your library card number. Don't have a library card? [Sign up online](#) to get instant access.
- You can also get a "Tutor.com To Go" app for your smartphone.

District website: [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org)

Powel website: [www.philasd.org/Powel](http://www.philasd.org/Powel)

For other resources contact our School Social Worker, [Lisa Coleman](#) or our Case Manager, [Dominique Hudson](#).

## Technology & Chromebooks

### Technology help is available!

- The School District has a family & student hotline for support with technology.
- Call 215-400-4444 or email [FamilyTechSupport@philasd.org](mailto:FamilyTechSupport@philasd.org)

### Need internet access?

- Here is information about multiple [low-cost/no-cost internet options](#)
- Here is a [map of outdoor accessible WiFi hotspots](#) throughout the city.

### Need a laptop?

- If you did not receive a laptop on April 3rd or need an additional laptop for another Powel student in your home, you can get one.
- **Where:** School District Administration Building, 440 N. Broad Street
- **When:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00AM - 1:00PM
- **How:** Bring photo ID and your child's student ID number (or name, grade, school)

## Virtual Parent Workshops:

**Health & Wellness Chats:** A new program where healthcare professionals lead conversations on how to stay well and healthy during the pandemic.

When: every Thursday, 2:00PM-3:00PM

Topics: Managing Diabetes during COVID-19 (May 14),  
Heart Health during COVID-19 (May 21)

To Join:

1. Go to <https://zoom.us/> & click on "Join Meeting"
2. Enter the "Meeting ID": **980 129 155**
3. Enter the password: **025119**

### Family Education Connection:

**B.R.E.A.T.H.E. on Zoom:** A series of workshops to help families through remote learning. May 12 will focus on Building Relationships & Break Breaks. [Click here](#) to see the topics each week.

When: every Tuesday, 7:00PM-7:30PM

To Join:

1. Go to <https://zoom.us/> & click on "Join Meeting"
2. Enter the "Meeting ID": **816 9197 6308**
3. Enter the password: **522031**

## Contact Information

**Your child's teacher(s) should be your first point of contact in most instances.** They are best able to answer questions about assignments, materials, due dates, grades, Google Meets, and participation.

- Ms. Bunyon (Counselor) [pjturnbunyon@philasd.org](mailto:pjturnbunyon@philasd.org)
- Lisa Coleman (Social Worker & STEP Coordinator) [lmcoleman@philasd.org](mailto:lmcoleman@philasd.org)
- Mr. Dadzie (Climate Liaison) [asteeledadzie@philasd.org](mailto:asteeledadzie@philasd.org)
- Nurse Scott (Nurse) - [rscott@philasd.org](mailto:rscott@philasd.org)
  - Student medication & health concerns
  - Immunization requirements
- Ms. Felder (Secretary) - [jfelder@philasd.org](mailto:jfelder@philasd.org)
  - Updating contact information (email, phone number, etc.)
  - Kindergarten Registration requirements
- Principal Ellerbee - [kellerbee@philasd.org](mailto:kellerbee@philasd.org)
  - Questions or concerns that were not addressed by your child's teacher.

## Powel School "Live" Instruction Schedule: May 11-15, 2020

Find your child(ren)'s class, then read across to see their scheduled Google Meets this week.  
**When there isn't a "live" lesson, there are still learning activities to complete in Google Classroom!**

Students will not be penalized if they are unable to join "live;" they can participate by completing learning activities and submitting assignments at any time.

Class	Monday, 5/11	Tuesday, 5/12	Wednesday, 5/13	Thursday, 5/14	Friday, 5/15
T. Moten (101)	1:20 - PE/Health	9:30 w/ T. Moten 1:20 - African Dance w/ Mr. Hendricks	9:30 w/ T. Moten 1:20 - PE/Health	9:30 w/ T. Moten 1:20 - Music	
T. Carter (103)	10:00 w/ T. Carter 1:20 - Music	9:30 - Literacy 12:00 - Math 1:20 - PE/Health	9:30 - Literacy 12:00 - Math 1:20 - African Dance w/ Mr. Hendricks	9:30 - Literacy 12:00 - Math 1:20 - PE/Health	10:00 w/ T. Carter
T. Amy (102)	11:30 w/ T. Amy 1:45 - PE/Health	11:30 w/ T. Amy 1:45 - Music	11:30 w/ T. Amy 1:45 - PE/Health	11:30 w/ T. Amy 1:45 - Music	11:30 w/ T. Amy
T. Smith (200)	11:00 w/ T. Smith 1:45 - Music	1:45 - PE/Health	1:45 - Music	1:45 - PE/Health	11:00 w/ T. Smith
T. Jackie (204)	10:45 w/ T. Jackie 1:45 - PE/Health	10:45 w/ T. Jackie 1:45 - Music	10:45 w/ T. Jackie 1:45 - PE/Health	10:45 w/ T. Jackie 1:45 - Music	10:45 w/ T. Jackie
T. Gill (207)	10:00 w/ T. Gill 1:45 - Music	10:00 w/ T. Gill 1:45 - PE/Health	1:45 - Music	10:00 w/ T. Gill 1:45 - PE/Health	
T. Ridgway (202)	12:55 - PE/Health	10:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 -African Dance w/ Mr. Hendricks	10:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 - PE/Health	10:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 - Music	10:00 - Special Guest w/ T.McBride
T. McBride (205)	12:55 - Music	9:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 - PE/Health	9:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 -African Dance w/ Mr. Hendricks	9:30 - ELA w/ T.McBride 11:30 - Math w/ T.Ridgway 12:55 - PE/Health	10:00 - Special Guest w/ T.McBride
T. Tim (201)	11:30 - ELA w/ T.Long 12:30 - PE/Health	9:30 - Math w/ T.Tim 12:30 - Music	11:30 - ELA w/ T.Long 12:30 - PE/Health	9:30 - Math w/ T.Tim 12:30 - Music	
T. Long (203)	10:30 - ELA w/ T.Long 12:30 - Music	10:30 - Math w/ T.Tim 12:30 - PE/Health	10:30 - ELA w/ T.Long 12:30 - Music	10:30 - Math w/ T.Tim 12:30 - PE/Health	
Special Education	Special Education teachers are providing assignments and scheduling meetings for individual students and families. If your child receives Special Education services and you have questions, reach out to T. Tara.				