



OLNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A School District of Philadelphia School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

While the last year has been a time like no other, I am confident that the Olney Elementary School community can come together to create a strong educational experience for our children. In an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible our school year will start off in a virtual setting on September 2nd until at least November 17th. Hopefully at that time we can return to in-person instruction.

While we will not receive any specific test data from last year, I am proud to say that Olney Elementary continues to distinguish itself as one of the **top schools in Philadelphia** as shown below. In addition to outstanding test scores we are also one of the most diverse schools in the state of Pennsylvania. At Olney Elementary School, we know that diversity is a strength! Our school community will continue to unapologetically celebrate diversity and work to be advocates for racial justice in our city and nation. I truly love our amazing school community and cannot wait to get this year off to a great start!

Points Of Pride

- Olney has **ranked #1** out of all K-8, district and charter schools, in student academic progress over a five-year average. **This means we are growing students academically faster than any other Philadelphia K-8 school!!!**
- At Olney, we have a variety of great clubs and activities available to students, *we will do our best to continue the clubs we can while virtual*; robotics, choir, instrumental, pottery, beautification, web-design, reading, lacrosse, running, modeling, yoga, City Year, character development, and more.
- Over 70% of our 8th graders were accepted into city-wide select high schools in the 20-21 school year.

You should hear from your child's teacher to review your child's schedule by 8/31/20. We will also post student schedules on our school's website. Your child can also log into their learning portal on the school district website, www.philasd.org.

Please take a moment to review some of the virtual expectations for students on the next page. These expectations will help your children have a strong virtual learning experience. If you have any questions, please reach out to our school community members through email.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Roth

Student Virtual Expectations
Be on time to all scheduled learning sessions.
Work with you parents/guardians to establish a daily work space for your learning.
Come to learning sessions with all of your materials; pencils, paper, workbooks, etc...
Complete synchronous and asynchronous assignments by the provided deadlines.
Stay visible on Zoom/Google Meet.
Mute yourself unless you have been called on or asked to respond.
Pay attention at all times, limit your distractions.
Be respectful with what you say and write online.
Dress appropriately for class (your clothing needs to properly cover your body)

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is essential to your child's learning. Please do your best to make sure your child is present and ready to learn every day.

Students may be considered late if they arrive *after* the start of their scheduled learning sessions. Please communicate any extenuating circumstances with your child's teacher.

If your child needs to be absent from digital learning, please send email a note explaining the reason of the absence. **Failure a note requires the district to record the absences as an unexcused absence.** Olney follows the district's protocol below for unexcused absences.

- 3 Unexcused Absences will be a phone call home
- 6 Unexcused Absences will result in a conference with the Principal or Assistant Principal
- 8 Unexcused Absences will result in a referral to the Office of Attendance and Truancy

*** Addition to the Attendance Policy: After nine (9) cumulative absences for illness for which a parent writes an excuse note, the 10th absence for illness must be accompanied by a physician's note. If a student arrives after 10 AM or leaves before 1 PM without a valid excuse note, the

student will be marked for a half a day unexcused absence. Two half days will add up to one full day.