



CHICAGO WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY

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September 5, 2021

Dear CWLA Community,

Congratulations on completing Week 1!

We want to thank everyone in our school community for your patience and support during this very busy first week of school.

We invite you to join us for Grade Level Curriculum Night beginning this week. Please visit our [school calendar](#) on our [school website](#) for grade level meeting dates. All meetings will occur virtually at 5:00 PM via Google Meet. Your child's homeroom teacher will communicate the date and Google Meet information. Please plan to attend as important information will be shared by your child's teacher/s.

Here are a few important reminders:

Morning drop-off begins at 7:30 AM. Make sure to read our [Entry & Dismissal Procedures](#) so that you are aware of your child's morning drop-off location and afternoon pick-up location. In order to ensure the safety of our students, please follow our [Entry & Dismissal Procedures](#) and come at your designated drop-off and pickup time and location, always use crosswalks when crossing the street, make sure your child can identify your car, and please be courteous to other drivers when entering the drop-off and pick-up line.

Complete and submit this [Health Screening Attestation form](#) that was due on **Friday, September 3**. Do not send your child to school if they are sick. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, you should isolate yourself from other people in your household to the greatest extent possible, even if your symptoms are very mild. You should also get tested right away. To find a test site near you visit the [Chicago Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) website](#) or for pediatric testing [cps.edu/youthCOVIDtesting](#). You must self-report positive cases to [cps.edu/covidresults](#) to initiate contact tracing. **CPS will send out communication to impacted staff, students, and families including quarantine and remote learning instruction.**

Complete and submit all required school forms in your child's Back to School Packet. These include:

- [Health Screening Attestation form](#)
- Family Income

- Request for Emergency Health Information
- Student Medical Information 2021-22
- Messaging Consent
- Media Consent
- *Optional Oral Dental and Vision forms
- Student Bill of Rights/ Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

Finally, I would like to inform you that I will be on a brief leave of absence. Assistant Principal Basile and Mr. Carlos Munoz will be the Administrator in Charge during my absence.

Please reach out to Assistant Principal Basile cfbasile@cps.edu if you have any questions or need assistance.

Have a safe and restful Labor Day weekend.

Best,
Dr. Rebolledo
Principal

Ms. Basile
Assistant Principal

Celebrations!



Thank you for coming to our Back to School Bash and Renaming Ceremony. We hope you were able to make connections with other members of our community. Special thanks to CWLA Parents Council and Dads Club for organizing the event and to Ms. Kim Basile and family for the hotdogs, buns, and chips!

Sign-up for School Updates



please sign-up now.

Urgent! All parents who wish to receive school updates must opt-in and sign-up with their most current contact information. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to receive our school updates directly to your inbox. We will transition to our SY22 contact list for sending school updates beginning next week so

#BeKind21 Challenge

How often do you practice acts of kindness? The Office of Student Protections and Title IX (OSP) is collaborating with Born This Way Foundation on the #BeKind21 initiative, encouraging CPS school communities to practice an act of kindness each day



from September 1 to September 21 and share their participation on social media with the hashtag #BeKind21.

Young people who describe their environments as “kind” are more likely to rate themselves as mentally healthy, according to Born This Way Foundation research. The goal of #BeKind21 is to expand the definition of kindness to include everything from advocating for others to prioritizing your own mental health to caring for the environment.

Start thinking about new ways you will show kindness during the challenge, and be on the lookout for more information about #BeKind21!

#BeKind21 is a part of [OSP's efforts to transform bias-based harm in our schools](#). If you need to report bias-based harm or related complaints to OSP, you can do so using one of the following processes:

Online: [Report Form](#)

Email: civilrights@cps.edu

Phone: 773-535-4400

Mail/In Person: 110 N. Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60612

COVID-19 Testing Registration Information

As part of the district's efforts to ensure the safety of our students, we are partnering with Thermo Fisher Scientific and Color Health to provide all students and staff with COVID-19 testing beginning September 1, 2021 for the school year through the ReadyCheckGo™ testing program.

If you are interested in having your child participate in testing, please follow the link below to complete the registration process. A parent or guardian must register any minor under 18 years old, and you'll give a one-time consent and HIPAA authorization to share your child's results with the school and district.

- Students: <https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=tf-jac-610060-students>
- Staff: <https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=tf-jac-610060-staff>

Testing is optional for students, except for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated student athletes. Testing will take place during regular school hours and results will be available in 24 to 48 hours. Color Health will follow up with you directly if your child receives a positive result.

For more information on testing with Thermo Fisher and Color, including self-swab testing and receiving results, head to their Support FAQs or call 888-603-1028. You may also email the CPS COVID-19 Testing Team at covidtestingcps@cps.edu or you can [watch this video](#) for an overview of the participant experience with registration and results.

Thank you for your participation to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Staff Contact List

Main Office

Dr. Rebolledo Principal - msrebolledo@cps.edu
Ms. Basile, Assistant Principal - cfbasile@cps.edu
Ms. Kordas, Counselor - mkordas@cps.edu
Mr. Hernandez, Case Manager - mghernandez10@cps.edu
Maggie Kempster, Clerk - mkmoradi@cps.edu
Michael Gallagher, ELL Coordinator/ Bilingual Spanish - mfgallagher@cps.edu
Celine Chen, ELL / Bilingual Chinese - csho@cps.edu
Peggy Burger, Enrollment/Community Representative - pburger@cps.edu

Homeroom Assignments

Homeroom assignments are available via ASPEN and posted in our atrium. The homeroom teachers for each grade level are listed below.

Room 101 – Ms. Jones, Kindergarten - hmjones@cps.edu
Room 102 – Ms. Exposito, Kindergarten - smjones33@cps.edu
Room 200 – Ms. Kiken, 1st grade - afkiken@cps.edu
Room 202 – Ms. Price, 1st grade - mnprice@cps.edu
Room 208 – Ms. Herlitz, 2nd grade - kherlitz@cps.edu
Room 210 – Ms. Gayman, 2nd grade - sgayman@cps.edu
Room 204 – Ms. Andrewsavage, 3rd grade - sdolton-webe@cps.edu
Room 206 – Mr. Lynch, 3rd grade - kalynch2@cps.edu
Room 314 – Ms. Anguiano, 4th grade - mmanguiano@cps.edu
Room 316 – Ms. Smith, 4th grade - kesmith11@cps.edu
Room 300 – Ms. Prabhakar, 5th grade - nprabhakar@cps.edu
Room 301 – Ms. Patel, 5th grade - npatel-lordis@cps.edu
Room 302 – Ms. Park, 6th grade - sifong@cps.edu
Room 304 – Ms. Gonzalez, 6th grade - jmzoellner-gonzal@cps.edu
Room 307 – Ms. Williams, 7th grade - dpwilliams@cps.edu
Room 312 – Ms. Schlicht, 7th grade - blschlicht@cps.edu
Room 306 – Ms. Koonce, 8th grade - acsheppard@cps.edu
Room 308 – Mr. Casey, 8th grade - mecasey@cps.edu

Diverse Learners:

Ashley Nelson 1st - 5th - anelson2@cps.edu
Marcos Hernandez Kdgn - mghernandez10@cps.edu
Amy Ackerman 6th-8th - abackerman@cps.edu

Auxiliary Classes

Art, Ms. Lee - RFMilliner-l@cps.edu
Library Media Technology, Ms. McManus - rjmcmanus@cps.edu
Physical Education, Ms. Frank - kfrank1@cps.edu
Physical Education, Mr. Vabro - jvabro@cps.edu

World Language:

Chinese, Ms. Bracy - cchang3@cps.edu

French, Ms. Van Twisk - AVanTwisk1@cps.edu
Italian, Ms. Mina- hgmina@cps.edu
Japanese, Mr. Okamura- mokamura@cps.edu
Spanish, Ms. Colon - kcolon@cps.edu

Related Support Providers

Ms. Sachdev (Social Worker) - adramaswamy@cps.edu
Ms. Mahon (Occupational Therapist) - eamahon@cps.edu
Ms. McCoy (Nurse) - jamccoy@cps.edu
Mr. Neary (Speech Pathologist) - mjneary@cps.edu
TBD (Psychologist)

ASPEN: Parent Portal System Sign-up Now!

Chicago Public Schools utilizes the Aspen system. Aspen is the Student Portal where 1st -8th grade parents can access grades and attendance, historical data, graduation requirements, student fees, etc.

Students:

Existing Student Portal accounts are automatically transferred to Aspen. The new Student Portal URL is aspen.cps.edu and you will use your CPS username (not your email address) and password to log in.

Parent/Caregivers:

Use the Parent Portal to easily and conveniently check grades, attendance, and other information about your student's progress. **Parents who are interested in creating a portal account for the first time must** confirm the following.

- You are listed as a contact for your student(s) in the current Student Information System, and
- You have an up-to-date email address in the current Student Information System

Assuming the above items are complete, you will receive an email that will start the sign up process. To sign-up for Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Burger and provide your up-to-date email address and request a Parent Portal account in Aspen. Once parent contact information has been verified by the student's school, parents will receive a signup email from Aspen. If you don't receive the sign-up email, we recommend checking your Spam folder. If you are unable to locate the email, please contact Ms. Burger pburger@cps.edu for assistance.

Click [here](#) for the student and parent resources page for more information regarding account sign-up instructions and support.

Volunteer Application Information

Per CPS, it is important that ALL adults who plan to volunteer for any school events or working with students complete the [CPS Volunteer](#)



[Application](#) and clear the CPS background check process. Anyone who does not complete the process will not be allowed to volunteer. Please contact Ms. Burger pburger@cps.edu for assistance.

Please note the following protocol:

- All Level 1 school volunteers (working with student one on one basis or volunteer more than 5 hours) must complete a volunteer application through the CPS FACE2website [Volunteer Link](#) and must pass a CPS background check and TB exam before working with students.
- All Level 2 school volunteers (all other volunteers who are not level 1) must also complete a volunteer application through the CPS FACE2website [Volunteer Link](#) and must pass a CPS background check.
- Volunteers must receive an approval notice prior to volunteering in the school. When a volunteer completes the approval process, the volunteer and the Volunteer Coordinator will receive an affirmative notice in writing.

After School Care

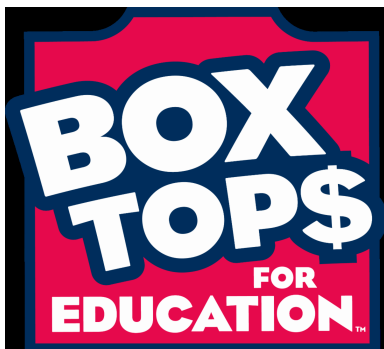


We are excited to partner with J at School after school program! Please note that registration for our after school program J at School Chicago is now open. You can register online at [J at School Registration Link](#) then click on the Register link. Please note that JCC will have two pick up times: 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Financial assistance is also available for those who qualify. For more information or questions, please contact JCC at 312-775-1848 or email

Site Manager Meaghan Nichols mnichols@jccchicago.org.

Parents Council

Our Parents Council is committed to our children's school experience. Please check out [our website](#) for more information and information on ongoing fundraisers and ways to support our school. Please email info@ajlaparentscouncil.org if you have any questions.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts when you shop to earn money for our school. No more clipping and turning in box tops. It couldn't be easier! Please visit Box Tops for more information:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com>

Donate to our Tree Machine! Spring break also means Spring cleaning. Simply drop off bags of



gently worn clothes and shoes into the Tree Machine in our school parking lot. Our school receives funds each time the machine is filled. Thank you in advance for your support.

Important Dates



Please note the following important dates and events:

August 30 - 1st Day of School!

September 3 - **All school forms are due**

September 6 - No school-Labor Day

September 7 - 2nd Grade and 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM

September 8 - Parents Council meeting at 8:00 AM, 4th and 5th/6th Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM

September 9 - 3rd Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM

September 16 - 1st Grade Curriculum Night at 5:00 PM

September 20 - LSC Meeting 5:30 PM

****Click [here](#) for the CPS 2021-22 Elementary School Calendar**

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