



Field Facts September 2020

As we begin a new school year, along with preparing for distance learning, I want to assure our community that we will continue to work to create an inclusive, anti-racist, and racially equitable environment at Field. As part of this, we are partnering with the district's Equity and Positive School Wide Engagement team to remove institutionalized educational barriers that exist. We will be doing this by creating and implementing a plan for cross-content and advisory lessons around identity, systemic racism, storytelling, and self-care.

We will not forget what happened to George Floyd, Jacob Blake, and the many other black men and women before them, and we will not begin this year pretending as if nothing has happened. We know that these events will be on the hearts and minds of students, and it is our obligation as citizens and educators of young people to create a space where all students can share their feelings, be listened to, and have their voices heard. We are committed to do all we can to ensure that our school environment is a safe, inclusive, anti-racist space where all children feel they belong.

Shout Outs:

I want to give a huge shout out and thank you the PTA parents, Greta Wicker, Erin Mitchell, Nyla Mincey, and Jessica Burmaster for all of their help with getting our bags ready for our back-to-school drive-up events and for helping out during the evenings of the events. We would not have been able to do it on our own. In addition, the landscaping around Field School is looking wonderful thanks to the work of Cindy Goehring, Angie Helland, and other Field families who came to help.

Distance learning:

Here are some things to help navigate Distance Learning at Field:

- **Schedule:** The schedule with student, staff, and parent expectations, originally sent August 26th, can be found on our website. We also created a video explaining the schedule, which can be found on Field's website. Students will see the video about the schedule during their first day of school.
 - Written link: Found on Field's website
 - Video link: Found on Field's website
- We will not be changing student schedules unless there are extenuating circumstances. Moving students around to different classrooms can become cumbersome. There is very little wiggle room in the schedule. We take in many different considerations when creating a schedule. Many times, making just one move can create a whole domino effect.
- **How to Log into Classes:** The easiest way for students to join their Google classrooms is to log on to their district Google account and go to Google Classroom (classroom.google.com) and click each of the classroom tiles inviting them to join. Please watch the video explanation. This information can also be found on the school website.
 - Video link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DWoEEu7v9jZvvh3OrycaVJHZkZalBwxO/view>
 - Alternatively, students can log on to their MPS email account and accept the invite their teacher has sent.

- Email Vicki.Berg@mpls.k12.mn.us or call Field if you need help with your MPS email account or password.
- **Attendance:** Students are expected to log into each class every day and do the work. The afternoons are a little more flexible as to when the work is to be finished. Please send an email to the teacher if your student is not able to attend. If your student is ill, has an appointment, going on vacation, or any other reason for not attending on a specific day, call Field school to report the absence: 612-668-3640. Leave the student's name, date of absence, and reason for the absence.
- **Grading:** Students will receive A-D and No Credit grades for distance learning. Teachers will explain grading expectations to students and families.

Important Forms:

During the back-to-school drive-up, families received folders that contained information and forms that families need to fill out. Some forms can be completed online and others need to be filled out and returned to the school. There is a box inside the Door 1 vestibule for paperwork. It will be checked frequently throughout the day and brought into the main office at the end of the day.

Newsletters: Weekly grade-level newsletters will be going out to families starting Tuesday, September 8. If you are new to Field and need to sign up, there is a link on Field's website. These newsletters are sent out through Constant Contact. For Hale and Field families who receive the newsletters, your info has been moved forward to the next grade level so you do not need to sign up again.

More Materials:

Additional materials that were ordered by the district for distance learning are slowly trickling into the school. We will contact you when we are ready to distribute another round of materials. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you need general school supplies, please call the school, 612-668-3640, and we will help you out.

School meal box pick up begins Tuesday

All MPS students are eligible to receive school meal boxes through pick up that will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Please continue to visit the [CWS website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Emergency Childcare Center Reminder:

Field School, along with most of the other middle schools, will be an emergency childcare center for nurses, Doctors, police, firefighters, and other essential workers. This means that the majority of our classrooms will be used by Minneapolis Kids.

Take care and stay safe,

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