

Dear Grace Community,

It is the last day of September! Time is a new concept in the pandemic and it feels at once like this past month was long and oh so short. I am most struck by all that has been accomplished by our outstanding faculty, our amazing students, and our dedicated parents. I am so grateful to all of you for leaning into this most unusual start to the school year with your confidence, positive mindset, and commitment. We may be apart from each other each day, but the Grace connection remains strong. We are all committed to creating a community of belonging where our students are seen and understood and their desire to learn is met and launched to new heights.

After receiving a response from most families at Grace about attending an outdoor morning beginning next week, and after continued review of Covid metrics within Montgomery County, we have decided to begin these outdoor mornings next week on October 6.

This program will run the month of October and will be known as Connected Remote Learning Plus Outdoor Day (Phase 2 / CRL+O in our return to campus). Grades 3 and 4 will attend on Tuesdays. Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 will attend on Wednesdays. Grades 2 and 5 will attend on Thursdays. There will be an administrator on call each day, as well as additional administrative staff in the building as support.

Each morning will run from 8:30 am to 12 noon. We are eager to bring our students on campus to be with one another and their teachers. We look at these sessions as a time for play and socializing. We hope to solidify the classroom norms and culture that have been seeded online. However, attendance is optional. For students who choose to remain at home, this time will be flexible so that they can get outside or work independently.

We'll have much more information to share at our Town Hall on Thursday at 7:00 pm. The link for the meeting is at the end of this email. Although we will be going through everything in detail at that meeting, we have some homework for you beforehand that will help the session run effectively:

- Please review the [Phase 2 / Connected Remote Learning + Outdoor Day Operational and Instructional Procedures](#)
- Please review our in-person [Health and Safety Procedures](#) and make sure that your [required health forms](#) are up to date
- Please review the [GEDS Return to Campus Agreement](#)
- Review the [Opt-In Form for Outdoor Day](#) -- you may go ahead and fill it out if you know for sure your child will be attending in-person

We hope you'll join us tomorrow night so that we can provide more information, present our plan, and answer your questions.

Wishing you all the best,

Jen Danish

Jen Danish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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