

Bucknell Families,

We miss each and every one of you so much! Staff at Bucknell is excited to reconnect with you and your children on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 when we kick off our formal, distance learning program. Teachers have been busy preparing their Blackboard FCPS 24/7 grade level sites, learning how to facilitate lessons online in the Blackboard Ultra platform, reviewing learning packets provided by FCPS Instructional Services, and engaging in collaborative planning with content coaches and fellow teachers. Our staff is prepared for your children with the best instruction possible during this forced closure. I am proud of the hard work and perseverance that our teachers have demonstrated in the face of adversity.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our teachers and staff navigate this new way of learning for the remainder of the school year! As we transition into this virtual learning community, I kindly request all our families manage our expectations and fully understand all we can ask, of all of us, is that we do the best we can with what we have. This won't be perfect. Technology will inevitably fail. Dogs will bark over instruction. Resources might be hard to find. Your student might refuse to engage with work. Your student might have questions you can't answer, or at least must spend a good 20 minutes googling to figure out. Expect everything and anything over these 2 and ½ months of school. Distance Learning at Bucknell is meant to offer our students and families a sense of normalcy, routine and a sense of belonging. It is important that families make decisions about participation and expectations that make sense for whatever your family may be experiencing at any given time.

Additionally, I will host a parent Blackboard Collaborate Ultra (BBCU) Town Hall session on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. As this date gets closer, I will send additional information to families.

We are excited to continue to provide your children with the world class instruction that you have come to expect at Bucknell and with Fairfax County Public Schools. Please visit a new FCPS web page specifically around Learning at Home: Support for Families. It provides resources and strategies to support students as they prepare for distance learning: [Learning at Home](#). Should you have any questions, at any time, please contact an administrator.

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Bucknell ES Distance Learning Plan

- **Virtual Teacher Directed Instruction:** Teachers in Prekindergarten/Headstart through sixth will provide one-hour of teacher directed instruction daily **Monday through Thursday**. During this time, there will be direct interaction with students and teachers in the areas of language arts and math on the Blackboard Collaborate Ultra platform. Early Childhood Class Based teachers will provide a thirty minute AM class and a thirty minute PM class of teacher directed instruction daily **Monday through Thursday**. The PAC class will combine with the

AM ECCB class. The Early Childhood Class Based teachers will also provide twenty minutes each week of individual direct instruction for each student. Your children will use a link provided by their teacher to participate in these learning sessions at a scheduled time (see schedule below). If your child is unable to access the session “live”, they will be recorded and uploaded to the grade level’s Blackboard 24/7 Learning site allowing your child to watch the lessons at a time that works best for your family. For the first week of instruction, our focus will be to rebuild relationships and community with our students and to help students learn the routines and tools of virtual learning. We will also jump right into review!

- **Virtual Office Hours:** Teachers will be “live” and available for individual or small group student support for one hour each day **Monday through Thursday**. Virtual office hours for your child’s teacher(s) is listed below. If your child does not have access to the live virtual instruction, teachers will work to conference with him or her over the phone weekly. Additionally, teachers have been asked to respond to any email messages outside of their office hours within one business day. Fridays are reserved for staff Professional Development and teacher planning and meetings with grade level teams, administrators, and staff. On these days, students may engage in independent activities as referenced in the schedule.

Bucknell ES Distance Learning Schedule April – June, 2020		
Grade Level	Virtual Teacher Directed Instruction	Virtual Teacher Office Hours
PAC & AM Preschool	10:00am – 10:30am	Hodge 10:30am – 11:30am Miller 10:30am – 11:30am Hamorsky 12:30pm – 1:30pm
PM Preschool	12:00pm – 12:30pm	1:00pm – 2:00pm
PreKindergarten/Headstart	12:00pm – 1:00pm	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Kindergarten	9:00am – 10:00am	Milas 10:30am – 11:30am Van Ostern 2:00pm – 3:00pm
First	9:00am – 10:00am	Coleman 10:30am – 11:30am Frank 11:30pm – 12:30pm
Second	10:30am – 11:30am	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Third	10:30am – 11:30am	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Fourth	10:00am – 11:00am	Ganjei 1:00pm – 2:00pm Kerr 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Fifth	2:00pm – 3:00pm	McKinney 9:00am - 10:00am Walters 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Sixth	9:00am – 10:00am	Chandler 10:00am – 11:00am Frattura 1:00pm – 2:00pm

- **FCPS Learning Packets:** We are aware that some families do not have internet access and that children may be unable to join these lessons. In these cases, we direct you to the learning packets that FCPS is mailing directly to your home each week. For the first two weeks, learning packets provide review for essential standards for each grade level. The subsequent packets will provide both new content and review of previously taught concepts. Packets have been mailed to students, and we are aware that the first set of packets arrived late. The packets are also available electronically in [FCPS 24/7 Learning \(Blackboard\)](#) and can be printed at home. Please use this [opt out link](#) to stop receiving the printed instructional packets in the mail. You will need your child’s ID number and your e-mail address to access the opt out system.
- **Independent Learning:** Students should engage in two to three hours of independent learning each day, using the FCPS learning packets, activities or projects provided by teachers, lessons provided by specialists, Channel 21, and health and fitness activities as directed by the family. Teachers will provide a daily schedule on Blackboard 24/7 with a choice board to support independent learning.

- **FCPS cable channels** - Instructional programming has been provided throughout the day and may be accessed through a cable television network for Fairfax County residents or via a live web streaming service. Channel 21 provides elementary school content, Channel 25 offers middle school content, and Channel 99 offers high school content. New elementary learning videos have been developed and will continue to be rolled out on Channel 21 specifically to support distance learning, with a special focus on literacy and mathematics.
- **Specials are available!** – Students will have the opportunity to participate in PE, Music, Art, and Library for 30 minutes Monday through Thursday. This instruction is in addition to the hours mentioned above and available to access any time via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. Live sessions for students in grades 4-6 will be from 1:30pm – 2:00pm and for grades K-3 from 2:00pm – 2:30pm. Please see the library times below.

		Grades 4 – 6		Grades K - 3
Monday	Music Jam Session	1:30pm – 2:00pm		2:00pm – 2:30pm
Tuesday	Art	1:30pm – 2:00pm		2:00pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday	PE – Workout Wednesday	1:30pm – 2:00pm		2:00pm – 2:30pm
Thursday	Library	1:30pm – 2:00pm Grades 5 & 6	2:00pm – 2:30pm Grades 3 & 4	2:30pm – 2:50pm Grades K - 2