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Dear K-5 Cyber Families,

Welcome to West Chester Area School District's K-5 Cyber Program. We look forward to working together to provide a positive learning experience for all children. First, thank you for your patience as we have been working through a variety of logistical items to ensure we are set for a great cyber school year!

IPad Deployment: All K-5 cyber students will receive an iPad and charger for the school year. 3rd- 5th grade students will also receive a keyboard. At this time, the 3rd grade iPads with keyboards have not arrived, so your 3rd grade child will receive an iPad without the keyboard. The technology department will provide updates to our community as we have them. **You will (or already have) participate in your child's home school distribution, meaning you will pick up your iPad at your home school.** If you were given an iPad in the spring, you will need to return the one you have and you will receive one with preloaded applications and programs that your child will need for our cyber learning. Once the principal has a date, he/she will send out the information. Some schools have already done this, while others are still waiting for direction from our technology department. We appreciate your patience.

In an attempt to provide clear information about our K-5 cyber program, please visit the [WCASD K-5 Cyber Family Guide.](#) This resource provides answers to our frequently asked questions.

Additional Information:

- **Supply List:** Similar to the brick and mortar setting, our cyber teachers have created a supply list. The supply list is for each grade, there are no differences for the different cyber teachers. The list is a recommended list to help support your child in their learning. Feel free to personalize this list to your child and their learning preferences. Our cyber teachers will help your child organize for their learning.

- **Class Assignments**: Thank you for your patience. As you know, the deadline for the cyber program was last week. After our numbers were finalized, we began working on solidifying our staffing. We are working to create the teacher assignments and classes now. We hope to share this information with you by the end of this week, but it may be early next week.

- **Schedule**: The cyber program is more flexible and we understand that students may not be able to attend the synchronous lessons each day. Our teachers will record their lessons and will post on Schoology (3-5) or Seesaw (K-2). [Here are our tentative cyber schedules for K-5.](#) Our cyber teachers will communicate their specific schedule at the start of the year.

- **Additional Materials:** The district will provide curricular materials to all of our cyber students in K-5. The district supervisors, administrators, and teachers determined the curricular materials necessary to optimize learning online. **Your child's home school will communicate the materials pick up when they have received all of the materials. Please do not worry if you have not heard from your child's home school as of yet.**

- **1st-5th Grade Initial Assessments:** The district assessment committee prioritized our assessments this year. Our 1st-5th grade cyber and remote students will be assessed virtually in the first few weeks. We will do a reading and math assessment so our teachers can have a good understanding of where each child is in their learning continuum. We will use this information to differentiate our instruction for students.

- **Kindergarten Initial Assessments:** We will send information to our kindergarten cyber students to invite your child in for in-person assessments with their cyber teacher. Of course, all safety procedures and protocols will be communicated and followed. If you are not interested or able to come to in-person assessments, a virtual option will be provided. We will send the assessment letter to you after we have teacher assignments.

- **Physicals/Dental Forms:** For new students and dental for 3rd grade – Your child's home school nurse will reach out if you need to submit any updated information.

- **Open House:** Please save the date for our Virtual Open House dates/times. We will spend time orienting you to Schoology (3-5), Seesaw (k-2), Zoom, class expectations and more! You will not want to miss this informational evening. However, if you are unable to attend – we will record and post for you to view at your convenience.

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
August 26th	Kindergarten and First Grade Open House @ 7pm
August 31st	School Starts
September 1st	Grades 2nd and 3rd Open House @ 7pm
September 2nd	Grades 4th and 5th Open House @ 7pm
September 4th	No school
September 7th	Labor Day – No school

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (reberly@wcasd.net).

Enjoy your week,

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