



## Rose M. Lopez Elementary School

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September 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On this day, 9/11, we remember the great loss our country suffered and the resilience of our community when dealing with the tragedy and change that occurred in the aftermath. We also remember all those that assisted in rebuilding one of our country's great centers of diversity, commerce, and culture, New York City, and how the nation continues to grow from the strength of its people.

We now, once again, during this unprecedented time continue to show resilience in the face of great adversity. Our schools have undergone a transformation and begin a new journey in education. As we move forward, we will continue to share timely information as it pertains to our students and community. Timely communication is one of our top priorities, and we will continue to strive for excellence in keeping you informed. Also, we are forging ahead with important initiatives, such as the Social Justice and Equity Initiative, that are important to all of us in Perth Amboy.

Thank you for your commitment in helping us launch our 2020-21 School year. We are proud of all of our students and teachers and we are very grateful to all of you for your support.

A few other items to note:

**Attendance:** We are following our regular school schedule. It's important to note that we are now taking official attendance twice each day: once in the morning and again in the afternoon. It is important that your child is present during the class for its entirety. Even in this remote situation, the same attendance policy applies. Remember that in order to obtain credit for the class, you must adhere to the policy.

If you miss class for a Medically Excused reason, for example, a visit to the Doctor, please take a photo or scan the doctor's note and email to our school nurse Ms. Evon Racioppi at email address [EVONRACIOPPI@paps.net](mailto:EVONRACIOPPI@paps.net).

**Technology:** We continue to provide daily technical support to all Perth Amboy Elementary School students. If you are having specific issues with the technology that has been provided, please notify your child's teacher and complete a KACE ticket for support: <https://www.paps.net/Page/23589>. We will have technical support at the school every day as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00-12:00 and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00-4:00.

**Google Classroom / Meet:** We are utilizing the Google Apps for Education platform. Please refer to the teacher directory for information regarding Google Classroom code. While students are in a google meet, interacting with their teachers and classmates, it is important that they are following the expectations of a virtual learning environment. Students should be seated at a table or desk, please be sure that the camera view is centered on their face with an appropriate background. Creating a specific area where they can be in the mindset of school is very helpful.



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**School Lunches and Parent Portal:** Links for lunch applications can be found on the District's website at [www.paps.net](http://www.paps.net), under Departments-Food Services. Please note that in order to access the lunch application you must have a Parent Portal Account. If you do not have an account please visit the district website under Families and click on [Parent Portal Information](#). Lunch is available to all of our students, at all Perth Amboy Public Schools with the exception of East Campus, the Dual Language School, and PLP (Barracks Street). You can come to any of these meal sites (the closest one to your home) to pick up lunch anytime between 10:30 am and 1:00 PM. Students are expected to eat during their embedded lunch period in their schedule.

**Material Pickup:** In order to support our students remotely, we will be organizing instructional resource distribution days. We will send correspondence soon with those dates.

**Additional Parent Support:** Feel free to contact our school's Home-School Liaison, Daniel Rivera email [danirivera@paps.net](mailto:danirivera@paps.net) for help with Parent Portal, scheduling phone conferences with school staff as appropriate, and resources to support your child's success.

**Virtual Back to School Night:** Please remember that our schools are having Virtual Back to School Night on Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. More information on how to attend our Back to School Night will be shared with you shortly.

**Correspondence:** We are always here to support you and your children in all learning environments. A parent survey will be coming soon to gain your perspective on the viability of our remote instruction program. Please check our district and school website regularly for important information. Please email or call our school if your phone number has changed so that we can update our records.

Please reach out to us if you need any support or have any questions, phone number 732-376-6270.

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Sincerely,

*Edwin Nieves*

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