

Hill-Freedman World Academy

Hill-Freedman Families,

I want everyone to know that the administration and teachers are refreshed and enthusiastically planning for the start of the school year – September 2, 2020.

First, I want to ask everyone to periodically check the website for updates. I would suggest you check the web every Monday under “Principal’s Updates.” Important information will be coming in the next few weeks.

[Click here for a highlight of last year’s HS music technology virtual music creation](#). We are so proud of the student voice highlighted in our new album. It is what makes our community a risk-free environment where students creatively express themselves.

At this point, we are still waiting for some guidance on how the school day will look. I can report to you that we will be on a full schedule Monday - Thursday with face to face online learning. On Fridays, we will have a half day of face to face online instruction. The second half of the day students will be working independently on work provided by teachers. Staff will be engaged in professional development. When we have received the parameters and approval for our schedule, we will put out a video and information sheet explaining how the schedule will work for students.

We realize as a community that we are at a place in time where we need to step back and reflect on how we heal as a nation and engage ALL students in our community with care. We will thoughtfully and intentionally address culturally responsive teaching and learning as a school community this year. We have always been a safe haven for students. However, we can always do better. I am confident we will.

Coming Soon:

- We will provide videos and/or steppers for all students on how to access google classrooms.
- The website will be updated to have MS and HS links where you will find teacher welcome videos and/or letters and other pertinent information related to school (i.e. supplies list).
- Principal and leadership team zoom meetings for incoming new students.
- HFWA essential/guiding question and general plan on how we as a community can impact change and address inequity.

Updates:

- We will be writing reimbursement checks for 8th grade and Seniors starting next week. They will be mailed home.
- Student schedules are set to be released through student portals on August 10, 2020.
- Students who need Chromebooks should check the link on the website for pickup information.

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