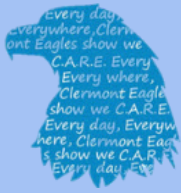


# CLERMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## 2020-2021



*We are Virtually Unstoppable!*

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Visits to the office are **by  
appointment only. Please call  
ahead.**

### Daily Schedule Grades K-6

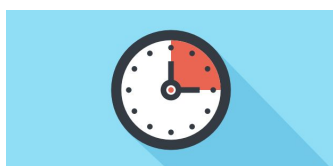
Our virtual school day will be  
9:05 am - 3:50 pm

Lunch: 11:50 - 12:05  
Recess: 12:05 - 12:50

Monday: Asynchronous learning  
Tuesday - Friday: Synchronous  
learning

There will be two 15 minute  
technology/screen breaks  
during the day.

*Consider having a timer  
available for your child for these  
allotted breaks*



### PARENT - STUDENT VIRTUAL HANDBOOK NEWSLETTER

The information contained in this newsletter should answer many of your questions regarding school policies while we are in the virtual setting. While we are virtual, parents and guardians will receive school communication via email using eNotify and News You Choose. Please be sure to check your email for any information sent home on a weekly basis.

### Attendance

Online attendance is **MANDATORY** as per the code of Virginia. All online classes will begin with a Morning Meeting at 9:05 AM. If your child is going to miss online school for any reason, please inform the school by using our attendance email, including the reason for the absence, @ [ClermontESAttendance@fcps.edu](mailto:ClermontESAttendance@fcps.edu). A message can also be left on the "attendance line" by calling 703-921-2424. Please call before 9:05 a.m. It would be helpful if you could email your child's teacher if your child is going to be absent from Virtual Learning for illness or any other reason. Parents of students with excessive absences will receive notice of their child's Record of Attendance through notification from the principal or Clermont's Attendance Team. It is our goal to have 100% of our students engaged in Virtual Learning.

The Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia, specifies that schools provide 180 days of instruction for elementary students. In accordance with FCPS School Board Policy #2232.4, reasons for Approved Absences for elementary students are the same as for secondary school students. These include: illness of the student, death in the family, medical or dental appointment, observance of a religious holiday, or any reasons for which the principal considers that exemption from attendance is in the best interest of the student. Reasons for Unexcused Absences include: family and/or student vacations, childcare situations, non-school related activities, missed school bus, or other reason unacceptable to the principal.

### Comfortable Work Space

Our goal is to make sure your children are comfortable and feel as though they are in a classroom setting throughout distance learning. Below are a few things to consider when choosing a work space.

- In a well-lit place (natural light is great if possible)
- Comfortable seating and table top height
- Near a power outlet if possible
- Space to get up and move around
- Away from distractions
- Headphones may be helpful to help child focus

## Positive School Behavior through our C.A.R.E. Program

At Clermont, we encourage children to develop and exercise self-control during all activities in a positive and caring environment. Our C.A.R.E. Character Ed Program emphasizes Clermont's 4 core values: COOPERATION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY and EFFORT. Positive school behavior is manifested in the manner in which children pursue their daily tasks. The school and home are partners in encouraging students to work toward higher levels of self-discipline.

### Technology

This school year, FCPS is providing all students with laptops to use for online learning.

- Students will have access to an FCPS gmail account and will have to check it regularly to access links to their classes.
- The school's computer will already have shortcuts on the desktop to the frequently used programs, and it will be easier for our IT Fast Team and Tech Team to troubleshoot any issues.
- Please contact your child's teacher first for guidance if there is an issue with a school-issued computer.
- FCPS personnel are not permitted to help fix personal computers.

Students will be reminded that while classes this year will begin virtually, they are encouraged to contribute to a positive and caring environment. We will work together to help enforce appropriate Digital Citizenship. Parents and teachers will work together to ensure that all students are following all appropriate behaviors.

### Things to remember in virtual classes:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Maintain your online community
- Mute microphones when not in use
- Use kind and appropriate language and images in the chat
- When on video
  - Appropriate attire must be worn at all times
  - Be mindful of surroundings before turning on cameras
  - Students should not bring devices into the bathroom

## PTA

The PTA actively supports the school through many activities. Each parent can find many ways to contribute to our school, whether it is for one special activity or on a regular basis. Please join our PTA and plan to attend any meetings. Check out the PTA website at <http://www.clermontpta.org>.

### Grab-and-Go Meals

FCPS will continue to provide [grab-and-go meals](#) while schools continue to open virtually. Click the link to find out more information about available Grab-and-Go meal sites during the school year.

### Communications/Emergency Messages

FCPS wants to keep you well informed. *Fairfax County Public Schools use five different communication systems to reach parents with accurate and timely information. These systems are:*

#### Radio and TV

When appropriate, FCPS will notify all radio and television stations in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area to encourage the publication of emergency information through media channels.

#### The Internet - [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

In an emergency, the words Emergency Announcement appear in red at the top of the home page. Click on those words to see the latest announcements and schedule changes as well as messages from the Superintendent, and links to helpful parent resources.

#### News You Choose E-mail Message System

When you provide us with your email address on your child's emergency care card you are automatically signed up for all school News You Choose messages.

#### Red Apple 21

Emergency messages are scrolled across the screen on the school division's cable channel 21. (Only available to Cox Cable customers.)

### Connecting with Staff

During Virtual Learning, email will be the best way to reach out to your child's teacher. Prior to the start of school, your child's teacher will call you to introduce himself or herself. Prior to mid-October, your child's teacher will arrange to have a video chat with you so he or she can learn more about your child and answer any questions you may have.

Weekly newsletters will be sent home on Mondays.

August 10, 2020