

Good Evening Murphy Students and Families,

First of all, on behalf of the entire Murphy teaching community, we miss you! We miss coming to school every day and seeing your smiling faces! We hope that you are safe and healthy and are so proud of your commitment to your learning from home. This unprecedented change has been difficult for all of us and I know, as a parent, that it is challenging to balance our work lives with the home learning of our children, while also being concerned about our health and safety. Please know that our teachers and staff and those of us in the “main office” are here to help you!

Second, May 4, 2020 was originally the day we were set to return back to school during what we thought was a temporary school closure. Since we now know that schools in the state of Massachusetts will remain closed for the year, we are now launching our Phase Two, which is Boston Public Schools’ remote learning Term 3 to close out the school year.

This means starting Monday, May 4th, all our teachers will be launching a more robust remote learning program, based on Massachusetts DESE (**D**epartment of **E**lementary and **S**econdary **E**ducation) prerequisite grade level standards. All homeroom teachers will be communicating students’ weekly schedules and learning times. This learning plan will allow for more direct contact time with teachers, specialty classes, as well as more small group instruction. We want our Murphy learners to be ready for the next grade level and we will work together to ensure their success. We know that this shift will place great responsibility on you to set up schedules in your home, as well as give students a quiet space to work.

Attendance will be taken daily by classroom teachers, and teachers will monitor students’ progress toward these prerequisite standards, resulting in a Term 3 Remote Learning report card. More information about grading will be shared once we receive more guidance from the Boston Public Schools.

Finally, please stay connected. We ask that all families continue to visit our Murphy Website, bostonpublicschools.org/Murphy for up to date information, valuable remote learning links, as well as information about BPS chromebooks and food assistance.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure the Murphy K-8 School remains a “First Choice for all Families.” Be well and stay safe!

Thank you,

Principal Sheppeck

