



# Southwest Snapshot

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021



We are excited that Durham Public Schools has provided each student with a laptop for the 2020-2021 school year. During distribution, each family signed a contract to allow the devices to be used off campus while we remain in Plan C (remote learning). Recently, we have had a few laptops that were damaged due to spilt liquids or cracked screens. Please remember that a device is borrowed from Durham Public Schools and will be collected at the end of the year

Make sure students are adhering to the same expectations we follow at school:

Always carry your laptop device with two hands.

No food or drinks around the device.

Avoid using the tablet mode which can damage the hinges.

Keep the device in the same condition as received. Do not place stickers or nail polish on the laptops.

Thank you for your support. You are helping us ensure that our laptops will be in good working condition for years to come



## Community Learning Center

The Wellness Team is excited to share a FREE learning center opportunity. Enrollment is limited and we expect the spots to fill up quickly. See details below for eligibility and application process. Please let us know if you have any questions about the program.

Christ the King Church is excited to be opening a Virtual Learning Center (VLC) on February 1, 2021, on their campus located at 4405 Hope Valley Road. At the VLC, K-5 students can come to receive:

Hands-on assistance with virtual learning in a safe environment

Two meals a day and snacks throughout the day to sustain learning

Activities and experiences which increase the social and emotional capacity of our young people during this challenging time

Recreation/physical activity

This is a needs-based program that is no cost to the families. The program is focused on families who meet any of the following criteria:

Foster Care Families

Are single parent homes

Qualify for free or reduced lunch

Both parents work outside of the home and are not able to have childcare at home during the day.

Have parents who have become unemployed due to COVID

If you/your child meet any of the criteria, please use this line to apply for a spot or respond to me and I can help you submit the application. <https://ctkhome.org/virtual-learning-center>



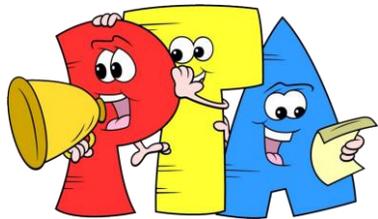
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As we approach the 3rd quarter, our Board of Education has decided that DPS will remain in Plan C (all virtual) for the remainder of the academic year. We know virtual learning can be a challenge, so we wanted to provide a few tips for academic success. There are steps you can take to help your child focus on the skills that must be mastered in order to be successful in the next grade. Make sure your child follows these strategies for academic success each day:

- Attends all core blocks taught synchronously through Zoom;
- Engages with the teacher by having the camera on and participating when directed;
- Participates in assigned small group and/or intervention;;
- Ensures all assignments are completed and submitted as directed;
- Completes assigned lessons in i-Ready (e.g. 15-20 minutes per day)
- Reads independently or to a family member for 15-30 minutes every night; and
- Limits additional electronic use during the school day (e.g. TV, cell phone, video games).

It is also important that we maintain regular communication between the home and school. During the 3rd quarter, your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule a parent/teacher conference. They will review current data and ways they are providing academic support. Please make sure you take time to attend this conference. We know that working together will help us make this year a success. Thank you for all you do!



The Seahawk Sustainers have been able to fund some pretty awesome projects this school year. In order to continue supporting our teachers and kids we are going to need more Sustainers. Please consider becoming a Sustainer. If you are already a Sustainer, please consider increasing your monthly donation. Thank you! <https://swepta.new.memberhub.store/sustainers>



We are embarking upon the 2021 school year. It marks a year different than any other we have ever experienced and as with any major change, the transition to online learning will be a learning experience for all of us. Despite challenges and bumps in the road, we are excited for all of the growth and celebrations this school year will bring.

In Durham Public Schools' we see this as an opportunity to share knowledge, empower and promote awareness through remote learning district wide. We would like to announce that we have created a plan to do just that this year. During each month, there will be focus on a character trait as well as other designated celebrations.

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