

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**

**Julia de Burgos Elementary School**

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Dear Julia de Burgos families:

Welcome to all of our students and families to the 2020-2021 school year! It is my hope that you and your family are healthy and safe and following all health and safety guidelines especially wearing a mask to ensure that all of our students stay that way in preparation to return to the building in November.

The first day of school is ***September 2, 2020*** virtually due to COVID-19. Our start time will be ***8:30 and end at 3:09***. It will be a ***full day of instruction*** and we are expecting all students to attend each day. Attendance will be taken and there are new attendance protocols in place to support students. Students/families will receive a phone call or email with more information.

In order to support students during this pandemic of COVID-19 as well as the effects of systemic racism in our country and the injustices that we face, the school district has made some very positive changes to how we will approach teaching practices to best support all students.

If you have any Kindergarten students, or students in other grades, that you have not yet registered, please do so by visiting the school district website [philasd.org](http://philasd.org) or call us at the above number. Should you have any questions you are more than welcome to email me as well. Please follow us on Social Media (Instagram: JDB\_School and Facebook: Julia de Burgos School) for any updates. We will be handing out Chromebooks for those students new to our school on August 31 or September 1st.

We are in the process of scheduling Virtual Parent Workshops and Back to School Night in August and September. Again you will find those updates on Social Media.

Together we can all make this an amazing year for students and I look forward to welcoming students back virtually as well as in the building in the future.

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