

# Edgar H. Parkman Newsletter

August 28, 2020

## Hello Parkman Families!

Our main office has been very busy fine tuning plans for the reopening of school and many of our teachers have already popped in to get started on the work ahead.

Thank you to the families who have reached out to us with questions. We will continue to address them as best as we can. Our school reopening committee has tried to turn over every rock to anticipate future challenges, but as you know, all newly laid plans need fine tuning along the way. Our goal upon returning to school is to keep everyone at Parkman safe and happy.



Be well and SEE YOU SOON!

-Irene Roman, Principal

-Julia Barnett, Assistant Principal



## Do you want to receive School Messenger emails, calls, and/ or texts?

- Visit the Enfield Public School webpage (<http://www.enfieldschools.org/>).
- Click on "SchoolMessenger Add / Change or Opt out of Calls!"
- Complete the form (please expect some processing time)
- You can also email [mwatson@enfieldshools.org](mailto:mwatson@enfieldshools.org) for assistance with this.

## Coming Events

# Important Dates

9/2- Principal's info session 5:30-6:00pm via Zoom  
(Meeting ID: 751 3168 0566 Passcode: Parkman)



9/3- Teacher meet and greet 6:00-7:00pm Via TEAMS  
6:00-6:30pm and another session from 6:30-7:00pm (for families who have more than one teacher) via TEAMS. Please join us by using the links that will be sent by your teacher next week.

9/8- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Remember to wear your mask)

## Principal's Info Session with Miss Roman & Miss Barnett on Wednesday, September 2nd from 5:30 to 6:00p.m.

**On ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 751 3168 0566**

**Passcode: Parkman**

To help facilitate a smooth transition for this upcoming year, we will hold a info session for parents. We want to address your questions or concerns as best as we can.

[Click here to tell us about the questions you have.](#)

If your question is specific to your child's educational program, please call school directly to discuss it, 860-253-6570.

## Teacher Meet & Greet on Thursday, September 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We hope that you will join us for a special meet and greet on TEAMS! The focus of our evening will be to meet your teacher and classmates. You will also see your classroom and hear about classroom expectations. To ensure privacy, we ask that questions specific to your child be discussed with the teacher another time.

### **Parkman Meet & Greet Evening Schedule**

6:00 – 6:30 Families will visit classroom via TEAMS and meet with grade level teachers  
6:30 – 7:00 This is a chance for families with more than one child, to meet with another classroom teacher via TEAMS

\*\*\* A list of links to meet your specialists and/or service providers will be sent to families



## Nurse Netherwood

The school nurse will be in to assist families next week. Please reach out to determine a day and time to bring in forms and medications.

Nancy Netherwood, School Nurse  
860-253-6572  
[Nnetherwood@enfieldchools.org](mailto:Nnetherwood@enfieldchools.org)

## Technology

### iPad Distribution Schedule

All students will be getting an iPad and keyboard case to be brought back and forth between home and school. The charger can be kept at home. Students will be using this device to complete assignments and access lessons as well as other learning resources. We will be distributing iPads next week. To make the process run more smoothly, please try to arrive at your assigned time (see below). If you are unable to make your assigned time, please come during last call or call the main office for other arrangements.

[Click here to review iPad Frequently asked Questions](#)

[Click here to review the Enfield Public Schools – Student/ Parent Technology Handbook](#) before you arrive to pick up your device.

- We will be using this as a time to **return iPads, cases, and chargers that were loaned in the Spring.**
- We ask that you complete and bring the EPS iPad usage agreement with you. [Click here for iPad Usage Agreement](#) If you are unable to print at home, there will be extra copies here for you.

#### Where to go:

Please pull into the circle in front of the building by our main entrance. Pull up to the curb and stay in your car. A staff member will be available to assist you.

#### When to go:

*Thursday, September 3rd*

- Hybrid learning students with last names beginning with A-K (9:00am- 11:00am)
- Hybrid learning students with last names beginning with L-Z (1:00- 3:00)

\*\*\* Masks will be provided to hybrid students at this time. All workbooks and necessary



supplies will be provided to hybrid students when they attend school in person.

*Friday, September 4th*

- Students who are distance learning 5 days per week (9:00am- 11:00am) \*\*\*These students will receive materials needed for full distance learning.
- Last call, any remaining students (1:00- 3:00)

## School Procedures

### Safety

- **Social Distancing:** Staff and students will maintain 6 ft social distancing when feasible and will maximize social distancing if 6 ft is not possible
- **Masks:** Staff and students are required to properly wear masks when on the school bus and in the building.
  - Masks will not be worn during lunch and classroom teachers will provide hourly mask breaks throughout the day.

### Class Cohorts:

Last name beginning with	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(A-K) Cohort A	In School	In School	Learning from home	Learning from home	Learning from home
(L-Z) Cohort B	Learning from home	Learning from home	Learning from home	In School	In School

*\*\*\* You will receive details for your child's at home learning days from the classroom teacher prior to the first day of school. \*\*\**

Students will remain with their teacher and class for the majority of the day. Times that students will be leaving the room include, but are not limited to: lunch, physical education, outdoor instruction, mask breaks, etc.

- **Specials:** The specials teachers will push into classrooms to provide instruction. Staff who travel between instructional spaces will follow appropriate hygiene procedures prior to transition to a different location within the building. Physical education classes may occur within the gym and/or outdoors (weather permitting).
- **Water Bottles / Fountains:** Students should bring a personal water bottle to school each day (no glass). School water fountains will be closed. Students will have access to classroom water faucets.

- **Hallways / Traffic Patterns:** There will be designated patterns for directional foot-traffic within corridors through clearly labeled markings on the floors to minimize face-to-face contact of students.
- **Lunch plan:** Students will have lunch in the classroom or outside. Lunch will be available if you choose to have school lunch (menu on the EPS website). You may use the MySchoolBucks program to limit cash transactions. With MySchoolBucks, you can add money to your account, view account balances and recent purchases, and set up notifications for upcoming payments - from the convenience of your home, office, or on-the-go with the mobile app. Go to <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> for more information.
- **Recess:** Each class cohort will be assigned a designated area and time for recess. Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after recess. Outdoor toys used at recess will only be shared within cohorts and will be disinfected regularly.
- **Visitors to the building:** Visitors are not permitted in the building unless it is an emergency and there has been prior approval by an administrator.
- **Bus Safety:**
  - Students in grades K-5 will be assigned seats.
  - Siblings can sit together.
  - Students cannot change seats once they have been seated.
  - Arrive at the school AM - Riders will disembark from the front of the bus to the back and should not touch any seats while getting off of the bus.
  - Bus Drivers will disinfect the bus before the afternoon pickup.
  - On Wednesdays, buses will be all thoroughly disinfected.

### Things to know before the first day:

- School will start at 8:40 a.m. and students may get to school any time **AFTER 8:25 a.m.** *There will be many teachers on duty the first day to help students find their room.*
- If students are being driven in a car before school, they can be dropped off on the curb, by the glass vestibule near the gymnasium after 8:25 a.m. If students arrive to school before 8:25 a.m., their family must wait with them in the car until the doors open. This is very important to do because staff are not on bus duty until this time.

- School Hours

8:40 AM – 3:06 PM (Pickups will begin dismissing at 2:45pm to minimize dismissal traffic)

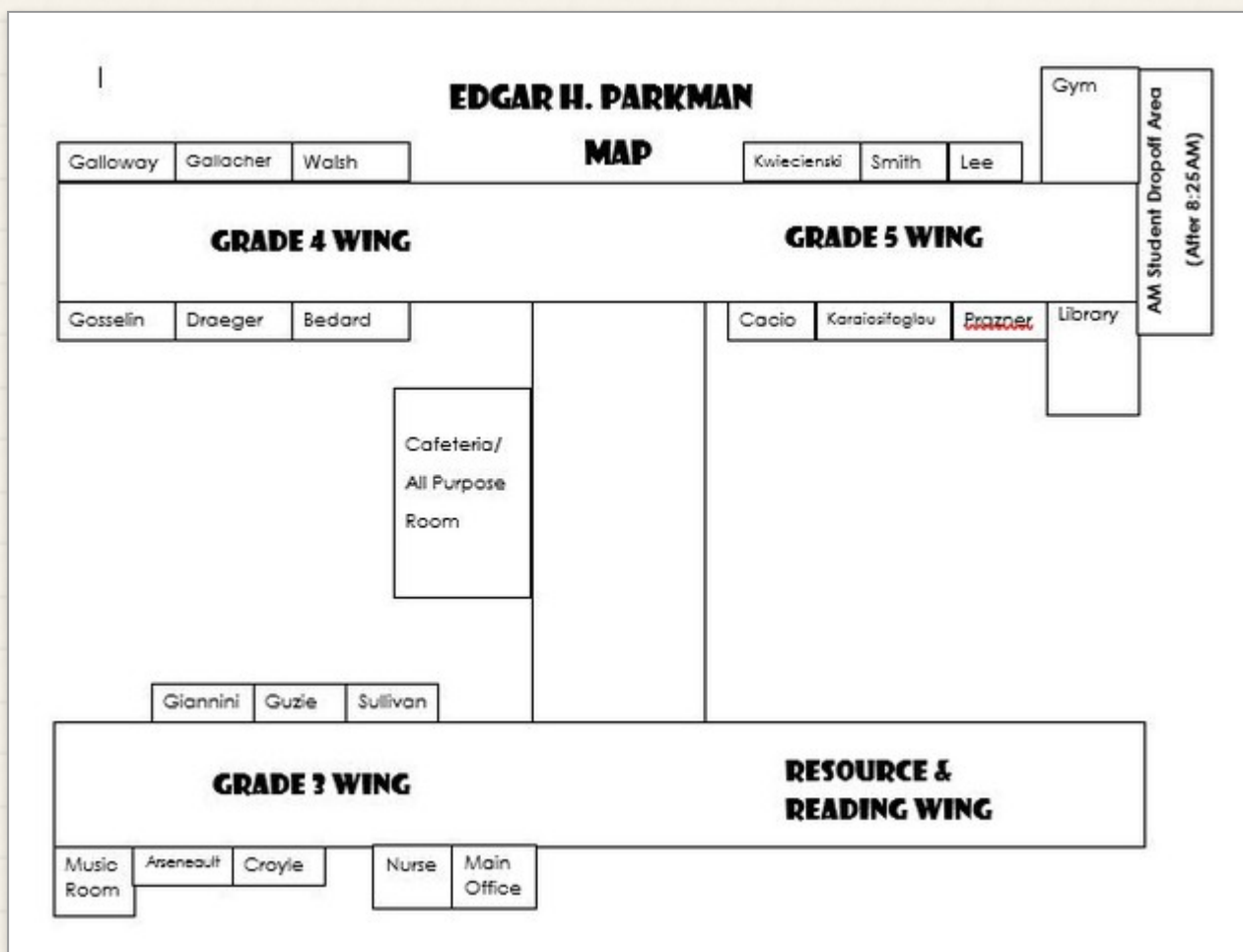
Doors Open: 8:25 AM (Please do not arrive before this time)

- Student Pick-Up:

Pickups will begin dismissing at 2:45pm to minimize traffic during dismissal time. If students get picked up from school, their teacher will release them to their guardian directly from the classroom's exterior back door. All guardians must park their car, bring their ID, and come up to the exterior classroom door to pick up their child. Refer to attached map for classroom locations. For safety, there is no curbside pick-up at dismissal. **No unescorted students should**

be in the parking lot for any reason. Please do not congregate on school grounds during this time.

- When students arrive, they will go right into their classroom to start the day and begin learning all about important routines.
- Students will have a working snack time. Please remember to have them bring a snack each day.
- We will give students a supply pouch with everything they will need and it will be kept in school.
- Each student will be getting an iPad to be brought back and forth between home and school. The iPad will include an attached keyboard case. More information to come on iPad distribution.



## Community Health Center (CHC)

CHC is accepting students in need of behavioral health services. CHC is working hard to connect with families, and look to their partners to help them meet the needs of students in this challenging and complex environment.



[Click here for more information](#) on CHC and how to connect through telehealth.

## Community Resources

**We recognize that the current public health emergency is resulting in an increase of stress on families.**

If you or your child are experiencing an immediate safety concern call 911.

If you or your child is experiencing a behavioral mental health crisis call 211 (see details below).

If you would like to access support services, please contact the following:

For children over 8 years of age, please call Youth and Family Services at 860-253-6380.

For children under 8 years of age, please call the Family Resource Center 860-253-5214.

Tom Spiwak (Parkman Counselor) is also available at [tspiwak@enfieldschools.org](mailto:tspiwak@enfieldschools.org)

## Chr & Mobile Crisis (211)

We want to be certain that you know EMPS/211 Mobile Crisis Services are available to support schools and families during this stressful time. They are providing phone consultation and telehealth virtual sessions to children and families.

Not only do they wish to continue to provide support to schools, but the parents/caregivers who feel the need for support with parenting stress or even their child's mental health or behavioral needs. Due to the pandemic, they are also screening families for health risk. This enables them to make decisions around the most high risk situations where an in-person response might be necessary.

If you need support... Dial 211, 1 and 1 again to reach the crisis team.

**Sarah Connors, LPC**

**Clinical Program Director**

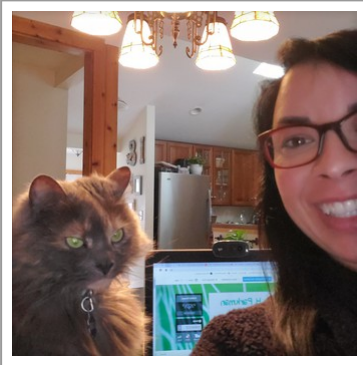
**EMPS**

**T: (860) 730-8668 • F: (860) 645-4080**

**469 Center Street • Manchester • CT • 06040**

**[www.chrhealth.org](http://www.chrhealth.org)**






## Miss Roman, Principal

### Edgar H. Parkman Vision

Our vision is to **uphold a learning environment** that provides our school community with a **safe and welcoming atmosphere** where **engagement, collaboration, and accountability** are held **in high regard** by staff, students, and families.

Please feel welcome to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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