

Ken-Ton Big Picture Program

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Dear Big Picture Families,

Welcome to the 2020 School Year! We are excited to work with you this year to make school as meaningful and helpful as possible. Returning students know how dedicated the Big Picture staff is to making school a place you are proud of and want to be. New students will learn quickly that they made the right choice to apply and attend Big Picture. We are committed to each of you and will do everything we can to make this school year a positive experience.

We know there will be challenges ahead of us. The Big Picture Program is focused on solutions to those challenges as they arrive. If there is something you need, let us know. If you have an idea how something could work better, let us know. This is a partnership and we value your input. There will be monthly virtual meetings any parent/guardian can attend to share ideas but you can also reach out anytime with your thoughts – no need to wait for a monthly meeting.

As you know, we are starting the year on remote learning. Each Advisory will be holding a family meeting the week of August 31, 2020 to go over all the items parents and students need to know to start the year. Here are a few quick items that everyone should know prior to these meetings:

- ***** *****'s district login is:
 - o Username –
 - Password –
- The schedule for your child is enclosed.
- All classes, including Advisory, will have a Google Classroom that students will need to access.
- All classes and virtual meetings will be done on Google Meet. This is a free video conferencing site that all students can access using their district account.

We will cover how to access the online resources at the Advisory Family Meetings the week of August 31st.

The first week of school will follow a Welcome Back to School schedule that is modified to help students transition into the school year. The schedule for Tuesday September 8 is:



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Time	Activity
8:00-8:30	Whole School Welcome Back (find the Google Meet Link in your Advisory Google Classroom)
8:40-10:40	Advisory
10:50-11:50	Practice Run with Google Classroom
11:50-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Small Group Meeting
1:30-2:00	Activity

Students will receive more information on Tuesday about the remainder of the week.

We know that remote learning is different than our usual start to the school year, however, we do have the same expectations. Here are some basic expectations that you can help with:

- The expectation will be that students attend each class on their schedule remotely as if they were in school.
- Attendance will be taken and assessment of student work will continue as it would if we were in school on a "normal" year.
- Active engagement and participation is expected. This means the camera is on and students are visible while participating in a lesson.

I am sure there are many questions that you may have. Please take time to go to the District website at <u>www.ktufsd.org</u> to see all of the information that has been posted about this school year. If you have specific questions about Big Picture, we will be happy to answer them at the Advisory Family Meetings or you can call us at 874-8403. Stay well and we will work together to make the best of this school year for everyone!!

Thank you for your support and belief in the Big Picture Program!!

Sincerely,

Kevin Kruger Principal