



# Curlew Creek Elementary School

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*Dear Curlew Families,*

As you may be aware, Pinellas County Schools has released their proposed reopening plan for the 2020- 2021 school year. Parents may choose one of three learning options for students due to the current pandemic. The three learning options include a return to our traditional brick and mortar school, MyPCS Online or Pinellas Virtual School. You can visit [www.pcsb.org/reopening](http://www.pcsb.org/reopening) to learn more about each of these options. It is imperative that you know the intricate details of each one so that you can make the best choice for your family and your child.

If you select the *Traditional (K12) plan* for on campus face to face instruction, please know that things will look quite different. We will follow all guidelines given to us which include the use of masks by all staff and students both inside and outside of the classroom, social distancing to the greatest extent possible, frequent sanitizing and handwashing, directional signage for movement on campus and other areas along with other measures. Procedures throughout our campus (including the cafeteria) have changed to follow CDC guidelines. Classrooms will also look a bit different as non-essential furniture and other items have been removed so that desks can be spaced apart for maximum distancing. Classroom instruction will be adjusted in how students engage with content as we work to maintain the CDC guidelines.

*MyPCS Online* is a new option which allows for your child to learn from home following the traditional school schedule of 8:45am-2:55pm with live lessons throughout the day from a PCS teacher, likely be a Curlew teacher. This option emulates the school day in structure and expectations in that a teacher will conduct daily live lessons, small group instruction and intervention support just as if they were face to face in school. Choosing this option would be a minimum 9-week commitment and allows for your child to stay enrolled as a Curlew student with the ability to return to brick and mortar after the first 9 weeks of school.

*Pinellas Virtual School* is an option that has been in our district for quite some time. If choosing this option all classes are delivered virtually and are self-paced. Classes are taught by Pinellas Virtual School teachers and this is a semester long commitment. Choosing this option would not allow you to

stay enrolled at Curlew and if you choose to reenroll your child at Curlew at the end of the semester it would be based on seat availability at that time. This option is designed for students who are self-directed and reading on or above grade level as most work presented must be read by the student.

Please review the district reopening plan carefully before making your choice. Families have until 5pm July 27th to submit their choice. Those who do not make a choice by this deadline will automatically be placed in the traditional face to face option. A reminder that PreK students are offered only the traditional in-school option.

We thank you in advance for your partnership and your support in these unprecedented times. No matter what learning option you choose, we will do our best to ensure that your child has a safe and successful year. As always, you can reach me with questions by calling the school at 727-724-1423 or by emailing me at [brickleyk@pcsb.org](mailto:brickleyk@pcsb.org).

*Sincerely,*

*Kathy Brickley  
Principal*

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Vision: 100% Student Success!

Mission: The mission of Curlew Creek Elementary is to prepare students for Middle School, High School, College and Career by fostering positive relationships while providing rigorous and engaging learning experiences.

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