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Dear Parents,

Welcome to September. We have completed the first month of school! At the beginning of a new school year there are always a few glitches and this year, with our remote learning, I do want to mention that happily Ford Elementary received the new TUSD Chrome Books. We exchanged many of the tablet devices for new laptops as well as distributed additional laptops to students who still needed them. Parents, please know we use the applications: *Clever* and *Zoom* to record attendance and give assignments. Your child needs to be present on Zoom at 8:00 AM and after lunch for attendance everyday. Students are asked to follow the teacher's schedule throughout daily instruction and please start each morning, at 7:45 AM, with the schoolwide announcements: **Zoom: ID 88349296745 / Passcode: 632225**. If your child is sick or not feeling well, please call the school office to excuse his/her absence. If the internet is offline or if you are having trouble logging in, please let your teacher or the office know. Additionally, if you have not picked up your student's math workbook, please contact the school to schedule a pickup time.

I want to assure you that your Ford Elementary student is receiving grade level instruction that is based on the Arizona State Standards every day remotely. TUSD teachers work hard to find curriculum that is easy to implement in this manner. Students that are designated as English language learners, Exceptional Education and GATE will also receive their services from resource teachers. No instruction will be missed due to COVID-19 distancing/remote learning. ~ Ms. Johnston

Parents Expectations for Online Learning Please help set up a daily schedule for your child, including a quiet area. We want all parents to encourage and support their child. Although, during classroom ZOOM, please limit interruptions as much as possible. Furthermore, all Ford students will take Assessments in the upcoming days. Please, Do Not assist your student during his/her assessment. The assessments provide the teacher with measurable markers to plan for your child's educational goals.

Ford Curriculum Night and Title 1 Agenda: Please join Ms. Johnston's **Zoom** presentation on **Tuesday, September 8th from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM** for the Ford Elementary 2020-2021 Title 1 Funding and Curriculum Night. **Zoom Meeting ID: 837 1076 2033 Passcode: 299602**. Teachers will send Zoom invitations for their classrooms. Parents! Zoom meetings must be accessed through your child's TUSD account.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Yes, that's right, conference-time. Parent-Teacher "Zoom" online-conferences are **Wednesday, September 16th, Thursday, September 17th and Friday, September 18th**. The dismissal time (end-of-instruction) will be 10:55 AM. Ford teachers will contact parents to schedule individual conference dates and times.

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7:45 Morning Announcements

Meeting: 883 4929 6745
Passcode: 632225

Ford Elementary Star Motto:

**I better myself and
I better my world
By being
Respectful
Responsible
and
Ready to Learn
Ford Stars, use the 3 R's**