

APS Parent Academy Video Blurb:

This video was created by the Office of Elementary and Early Childhood. It provides a brief overview of the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) virtual home visits for families in the Arlington Public Schools.

Office of Early Childhood Education: Update for Distance Learning

Home Visits for VPI students

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Hi, I'm Wendy Pilch with the Department of Teaching and

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Learning - Elementary in the Early Childhood Department. Today I'm

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going to tell you a little bit about the VPI

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and CPP home visits and how they're going to work this year

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in a distance learning model.

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Our home visits are

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going to take place

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twice this

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year. They will happen virtually through either an iPad

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that each of your children will receive or by phone on the week

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of August 24th. Our VPI teachers and CPP teachers will be scheduling

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a time to meet with you.

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To talk to you a little bit

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about what the school year will

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look like? How the virtual model will work and to get to know your

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child we will be asking you questions like “what is your

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child's favorite food?” “Does your child have a nickname?” and other

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items to try to get to know your

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child better. These will take about 30 minutes and as we said

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it will take place on an

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iPad that your child will be receiving or by phone if

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translation services are needed.

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The teacher will utilize the language line to be able to

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communicate best with families. The second home visit, which

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also will happen virtually, will happen on the week of August

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31st. This home visit will have a technology focus.

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Teachers will work with families to be sure that they are set up

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with their technology, to make sure that all of their materials

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have arrived, and to make sure that their student has access

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through Wi-Fi or mifi capabilities. Teachers will work

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with families to discuss the ideal learning environment for

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students and practice getting on and off the iPad using the

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applications like Seesaw and Canvas

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Teachers will be reviewing the schedule with

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families to let them know what to be prepared for as the week

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starts. The following week,

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teachers will be providing some visual supports for students

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throughout the year.

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And these will look similarly.

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in a virtual model. So you will see some of the photos here that

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we will be recommending that family's use as they set up

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for their child's day.

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Things like a virtual schedule so that they know when all of

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the times are going to take place throughout the day and

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they have a visual to go with

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them. These will also be covered during the home visits.

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Your students will be receiving a toolkit and home school

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connections. Things that will be in these kits will be books,

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magnets, art supplies, and math materials. These will be coming

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to all families through their individual schools in the last

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week of August.

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During the home visits, families will talk

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with their teacher about how these toolkits will be used

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during the virtual model.

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We look forward to seeing your students and we realize that a

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virtual home visit is a bit different, but we are certain

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that this will set our students and families up for success in

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this upcoming year.

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Thank you very much and if you have anymore questions or need

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more information, please go to the engage site at the apsva.us/engage

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website. Thank you so much.