



Inquirer's Journey



Message from Dr. Turner, Principal

Families please look at our website for upcoming information concerning school hybrid plans and when Benjamin E. Mays Phase 2 and 3 will take place. We are in Phase 2 which means we are looking at hybrid education on November 16th. [SPPS Reopen Plan](#)

In Partnership, Dr. Turner (Principal)

PRE-K FAMILY DAYS AT MAYS

Ms. Loving and Mrs. O'Hara invite PreK families to join them to explore a day in PreK. We will be hosting the Family Day using the Meet link that your child uses for class.

Mrs. O'Hara Family Day

- Tuesday, October 6, 8:00-9:00am

Ms. Loving Family Day

- Tuesday, October 6, 1:30-2:30pm

During Family Day, you will get to:

- Participate in a Circle Activity
- Learn about PreK
- Share with other families
- Ask questions

We hope to see you there!

[\[Somali\] Mrs. O'Hara Family Day](#)

[\[Somali\] Ms. Loving Family Day](#)

[\[Karen\] Ms. Loving Family Day](#)

[\[Spanish\] Ms. Loving Family Day](#)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SITES

SPPS will begin offering in-person academic, technical and social-emotional learning support starting October 12. Students will need a referral from their school to receive support.

Contact your teacher for a referral. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Center Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.*

Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Closed non-school days*

Center Location*

Washington Technology Magnet

1495 Rice Street

Saint Paul, MN 55117

*Additional sites will be added based on need and availability of staff.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Online Technology Support available TUESDAY, October 6 and THURSDAY, October 8, 8:00am-noon. Join a Technology Support Google Meet through our website spps.org/mays. The link will be posted on the homepage sidebar.

If your child is unable to access Google Meet for class, you still may be able to access the help Meet. The Meet is not limited to people with access to Saint Paul Public Schools.

If your iPad is damaged or needs to be replaced please report the issue by emailing or calling Saint Paul Public Schools

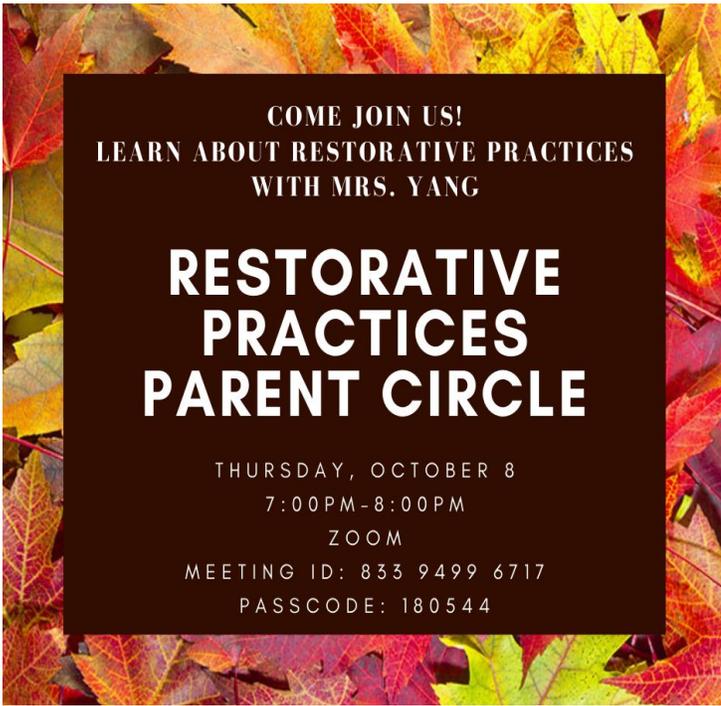
Technology Services:

- **Email:** familysupport@spps.org
- **Call:** 651-603-4348 from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Calendar

- Tuesday, October 6 & Thursday, October 8, 8:00-12:00 - Online Live Technology Help
- Tuesday, October 6, 8:00-9:00am - Mrs. O'Hara PreK Family Day
- Tuesday, October 6, 1:30-2:30pm - Ms. Loving PreK Family Day
- Thursday, October 8, 7:00-8:00pm - Parent Circle
- Thursday, October 15 – Friday, October 16 – NO SCHOOL PreK-12, Teacher Statewide Meetings
- Friday, October 30 – NO SCHOOL PreK-5, Conference Preparation Day





MDE REPORT CARD & MAYS PLAN FOR SUCCESS (SCIP)

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Report Card is a tool to help inform families about their school. Families can use the data to make important decisions and meaningfully engage with schools and educators. You can access the full Benjamin E. Mays IB World School MDE Report Card at <https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/p--3>.

While the Report Card provides a lot of information, nothing can replace the value of talking with your student's teacher to understand how a student is doing in school. For contact information for Mays Staff, follow this [link](#).

Every year teachers, administrators, and parents review data, set goals, and create a plan of action for student success at Mays. The result is the Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP). We have formatted the SCIP a couple ways to encourage discussion. A version that outlines the goals can be found by following this link [Mays SCIP](#). A version that goes into more detail regarding strategies in the four key areas of Literacy, Math, Restorative Practices, and IB (International Baccalaureate) can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Implementation of the SCIP is reviewed during the year. Please join us at the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00pm. We will look at the fall SCIP implementation. There will also be opportunities to review the present SCIP, and write the 2021-2022 SCIP, this spring. Contact Karen Shanahan (karen.shanahan@spps.org or 651 325-2492) if you have questions or would like further information.

PARENT CIRCLE

Join Mrs. Yang for monthly RP (Restorative Practices) circles for families. Connect and build relationships with Mays families and staff. Parent RP Circles will be held the second Thursday of every month from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Meet on Zoom

- Meeting ID: 833 9499 6717
- passcode: 180544

ATTENDANCE

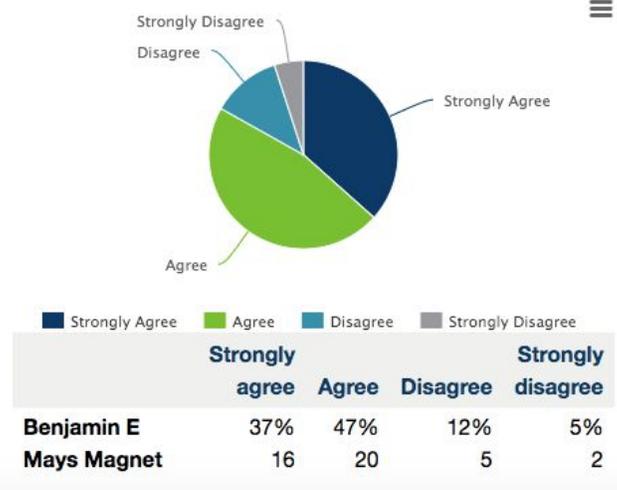


During distance learning, students and families should work together to mark their attendance every day on the Campus app. Attendance must be entered by 11:59 p.m. each day. For more information, visit spps.org/dlattendance.

CONTACT

- Office: (651) 325-2400 mays@spps.org
- Attendance: (651) 325-2499 mays.attendance@spps.org
- Family Liaison, Karen Shanahan: (651) 325-2492 karen.shanahan@spps.org
- Technology Services: (651) 603-4348 familysupport@spps.org
- [Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Directory](#) (link)

At my school, teachers care about students

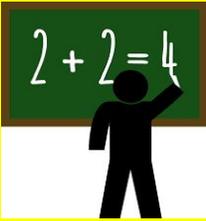


(image from the Mays MDE Report Card <https://rc.education.mn.gov/-mySchool/p--3>)



Benjamin E. Mays IB World School 2020-2021 Family Friendly SCIP

Our SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) is formed by staff and parents working together to review data, set goals, and create a plan for the year. The 2020-2021 school year will focus on Student Voice. Our school-wide approach to Student Voice includes a commitment to Restorative Practices, inquiry-based learning (IB), opportunities for students to explain & justify their thinking, and culturally responsive instruction grounded in relevance, relationships, and rigor.

<p>Literacy Daily learning tasks in literacy include:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing lessons • Word Study, including Phonics (grades k-2) or Words Their Way (grades 3-5) • Independent Reading 	<p>This year, our SCIP focuses on implementing Guided Reading groups for all k-5 students. What is Guided Reading?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small groups of students (usually 4-5) who are reading at a similar level, meet with their teacher twice/week. • Each week, the group will focus on one book, chosen and presented by the teacher. • Students learn and practice reading strategies, discuss what they read, complete word work, and practice writing.
<p>Math Daily learning tasks in math include:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Review or a Number Talk • Math lesson • Independent Practice • Using the ST Math App 	<p>This year, our SCIP focuses on implementing Math Review or Number Talks daily. What is Math Review/Number Talks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This block of time is used to support learning through building number sense, reviewing previously taught concepts, and supporting students in talking about math. • In a Number Talk, we emphasize student voice through encouraging students to explain and justify their thinking.
<p>Restorative Practices</p>  <p>Restorative Circles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom teachers will lead community-building circles twice a day. 	<p>This year, our SCIP focuses on implementing Restorative Circles daily. What are Restorative Circles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and closing circles provide ways of bringing classes together in which everyone is respected, heard and equal - no person is more important than anyone else. Circles open the possibility for connection, collaboration, and mutual understanding. Derived from aboriginal and native traditions, circles are built on caring relationships, positive expectation messages, and opportunities for meaningful participation.
<p>IB/PYP</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students learn through inquiry. • Concepts are connected across subject areas. • Students learn they are global citizens making changes in their world. 	<p>As an IB School, every year we focus on implementing the PYP (Primary Years Program) into our curriculum and teachings with your student. Our focus for this year is new, enhanced IB Planners used by teachers. What will the enhanced IB Planners provide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will help create better delivery of the IB curriculum with a focus on inquiry. Inquiry is culturally responsive, nurturing interest and critical thinking by encouraging questions and exploration.

The formal Mays SCIP can be found at spps.org/mays. Translations are available upon request.