An Enthusiastic Start to Pre-planning: SEED Maryland prepare for robust remote learning and SEL supports

The Academic Team has led us in a terrific start to the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to thank and offer kudos to the Academic and Student Life Pre-planning committee team, for re-imagining pre-planning week, to ensure we could build teachers capacity for a strong start with remote learning. For further details into our Academic Team, click here.
COVID Reopening Plan 2020

Amid our world's COVID-19 crisis, the SEED MD Academic and Student Life Teams are committed to engaging our students in a robust re-engagement in virtual learning. Our teams have worked urgently to create a blueprint that ensures each student's academic progress and social – emotional well being. We are aware that some students continue to grapple with access to online learning, navigating their work, their own emotional and psychological well-being, and other necessary duties that needed to support their family during the pandemic. While our re-engagement plan has extended virtual learning time for each course, we will also continue to use digital tools that bolster access to the curriculum and allow for asynchronous learning options. Click here to specifically see what you can expect from our virtual learning experience.

STUDENT LIFE & STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS
**Social Emotional Learning**

Student Life staff will continue to host virtual workshops through which scholars understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

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**Morning Meetings**

Morning meetings are designed to help create a safe and supporting virtual environment. Student Life morning meetings are an engaging way to build community and help students start their academic day.

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**Character Education**

Builds on the competencies of Social Emotional Learning and dives deeper into specific characteristics necessary for academic and life success. This component of our programming will remain during virtual learning and will be made available for all of our students.

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**WE ARE THE SEED, WE ARE THE ONE, WE WON'T REST UNTIL WE'VE WON!**

2020 has been tumultuous at best. Regardless of all external challenging factors, we are SEED Maryland and we must stay vigilant in our core values to create change. Please take the time to watch this moving video on Anti-Racism. Change starts from within, let us educate ourselves so that we too may instill growth in others.
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

ADMINISTRATION
The SEED School of Maryland Family Engagement Team is excited to welcome staff, students, and families to the 2020-2021 school year! The Family Engagement team looks forward to providing support to our SEED students and parents throughout our virtual learning environment. We will continue to develop robust events to meet the needs of your student and family. Thank you to each parent that engaged in our virtual trainings and our Title 1 Annual Review Meeting. We look forward to collaborating with you on future events. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Family Engagement Coordinator, Mr. Harris, at tdharris@seeschoolmd.org.

Have you connected with us on our social media? Join our private Facebook page for SEED MD parents-guardians today!

Facebook: SEED MD Family Tree

HUMAN RESOURCES
Human Resources first New Hire Virtual Orientation, held on August 5th, 2020, was a success with great feedback!

We are happy to welcome our new July hires:

- Charlotte Hodges - HOS Executive Assistant [Administration]
- Dr. Tasheka Green - Professional Development Specialist [Department of Academics]
- Audrey Gentles - Overnight Student Life Assistant Counselor [Department of Student Life]
- Danyae Morgan - Student Life Counselor [Department of Student Life]

Three Positions have been filled in less than 50 days:
• 2 Special Education Teachers
• 1 Science Teacher

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM
• **STEMcx FB Webinar** - September 4th, 2020: STEMcx student Isabella interviews the founders of MacScientist, devoted to Black Women in STEM. Free tee shirt giveaway!

STUDENT LIFE
• Student Life Team developing engaging and diverse clubs to support student programming
• Collaboration with External Opportunities to provide additional resources for high school students.

DEVELOPMENT
• Construction is complete on our new **InfoArmor Cyber Lab**. Next step: outfitting the room with furniture, equipment, and **STUDENTS!!!**
• Follow us on socials!
  Instagram: @theseedschoolmd
  Facebook: The SEED School of Maryland
  Twitter: @TheSEEEDSchoolMD
  LinkedIn: The SEED School of MD

THE WEEK BY NUMBERS
Greetings from The Office of Admissions at The SEED School of Maryland. I am Alfonso Espada, Director of Admissions, and on behalf of my assistant, Ms. Chakarra Lumas and I, we
would like to welcome all new and returning students for another academic year. We have admitted 65 new students this year, and are in the process of admitting a few more. We are excited about the new school year and look forward to meeting everyone in person when we can. This year, the Office of Admissions hosted its first ever Virtual New Parent Orientation. The event was a huge success! It was well-attended, and our new families had all of their questions and concerns addressed. It was a challenge to present the event in such a format, but it was quite the valuable experience for everyone! Despite the threat experienced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Admissions managed to receive 264 new student applications. We look forward to continuing our tradition of providing ongoing support to our campus community in the form of family visits, and a combination of virtual and hopefully, in-person events. We look forward to hopefully meeting everyone soon!

- 316 Total online inquiries
- 65 New Students
- 264 Total applications
- 75 Hours of PL
- 90% Staff Attendance
- 341 Families Contacted

**CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS**

We are excited and grateful to our facilities team for leading all campus enhancement projects. They have exceeded our expectations with beautiful landscaping! Gorgeous fresh trees are now lining our courtyard, fresh mulch and sod has been laid for all our flora, and crisp new parking line spaces for parking efficiency.
First Day of School

WHEN
Sunday, Aug. 30th, 3pm

WHERE
Google Classroom

MORE INFORMATION
Today marks the first day of the 2020-2021 SEED MD School Year! We start the year off virtually, utilizing a variety of platforms; i.e. Google Classroom, Padlet, Nearpod, Kahoot, Schoology and Khan Academy to name a few.