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Ambridge Area School District has received guidance from OCDEL regarding the PreK Counts Program for the 2020-2021 school year. We are happy to announce that PreK has the same educational options as grades K-12. The students will attend face-to-face instruction two (2) days each week and participate in the Bridger Virtual Learning Academy from home the other three (3) days of the week OR attend the Bridger Virtual Learning Academy remotely five (5) days a week. Groups will participate in learning activities as follows:

GARNET	GRAY
Face to Face – Monday and Wednesday	Face to Face – Tuesday and Thursday
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The Bridger Virtual Learning Academy provides students with direct teacher instruction, a structured schedule, teacher support and classroom interaction as they remotely participate in their class periods from home.

PreK Parents have the following two options for educating their child(ren) during the 2020-2021 school year:

- 1. Hybrid 2 days a week face to face and 3 days Bridger Virtual Learning Academy OR
- 2. Bridger Virtual Learning Academy, which is 5 days a week remote learning.

Each Pre-K student will receive a school district provided IPad, book bag and a Grab and Go Bag full of individual school supplies. The Grab and Go Bag materials will be used for extension learning activities at school and at home. PreK students will also receive free breakfast, lunch and transportation.

We understand that changes to the COVID-19 situation may change how you want your child to receive instruction; you may change your child's educational plan at any time after the start of the school year. To accommodate possible changes in the future, all students are assigned to the Garnet Group or Gray Group. Each child has been assigned to either Economy Pre-K, Highland Pre-K or State Street Pre-K. The building principal will reach out to you to further discuss and determine which model, either Hybrid or Virtual, best suits you and your child's needs. The Principal will also inform you which day, either Garnet Day or Gray Day, that your child will attend.

There will be a <u>mandatory Virtual PreK Orientation on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 1:00PM to meet and greet</u> <u>the parents, students and staff.</u> Please join the Microsoft Teams by accessing the link through the building webpage: go to ambridge.k12.pa.us, select Schools at the top of the page, and click on your child's school (Economy, Highland or State Street). During this time, we will provide a virtual tour of the building, explain the daily routine, introduce staff and provide time to ask questions.

The AASD PreK Program still has openings. The PreK Packet and Fact Sheet can be found on the District Website or contact Mrs. Cathy Hopkins, Registration, at 724-266-2833 ext. 1273.

We look forward to working with you and your child for a successful educational experience during the 2020-2021 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aphrodite Galitsis Economy Principal 724-266-2833 ext. 6245 Dr. Laura Burns Highland Principal 724-266-2833 ext. 7205 Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover State Street Principal 724-266-2833 ext. 4213

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