KIPP:Baltimore

Friday, January 23, 2026

Dear KIPP Families,

Today, we are sending home a school-issued device with every student today to ensure that we are prepared for the possibility that we will need to engage in a virtual learning day next week. These devices are subject to our Student Technology Policy, which is attached to this letter. Please ensure that the device along with the charger and chromebook bag (if applicable) are returned to school with your student upon the student's return to school whether or not a virtual learning day occurs next week.

Below you will find detailed information and instructions about how our school will continue learning during inclement weather through **Virtual Learning Days**, in alignment with guidance from Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and City Schools.

Note: A printed copy of this letter - with your student's unique Google login and password - wil be sent home with your student today along with their device.

What is a Virtual Learning Day?

On a Virtual Learning Day, students will participate in learning **from home** instead of coming to school. These days may occur if weather conditions require schools to close after the district has already used its allotted traditional snow days.

City Schools will first use up to **three traditional snow days** (no school for students or staff). If additional weather closures are needed, the district will pivot to **virtual learning days**. If virtual learning days are needed because Baltimore City Public Schools calls for snow days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week (Jan 26-28), the first day of virtual learning will be **Thursday, January 29, 2026**.
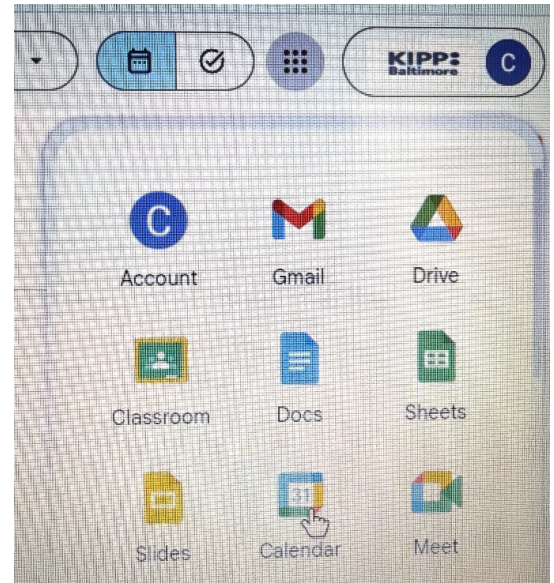
When and how will learning happen?

- ☐ Virtual Learning Days will take place **between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**
- ☐ Students will join their classes following a shortened version of their daily schedule on Google Meets.
- ☐ **The scheduled class times and Google Meets links will be on students' Google Calendars.**

Accessing Google Meets on Chromebooks:

To Access Google Calendar:

1. Log into the Chromebook or i-Pad using student's Google Account (at top of this letter)
2. Launch Google Chrome
3. Open a new tab
4. Click the Waffle Grid in the top right corner
5. Select the icon for **Google Calendar**
6. OR navigate to calendar.google.com
7. Select the appropriate class invitation and select the link to join

Accessing Google Meets on iPads:

To Access the Google Meet link:

1. Press the Home button twice to open the i-Pad
2. Navigate to the Home Screen (click the Home button again to see the apps)
3. Select the Classroom icon → if needed, use your student's login information at the top of this letter to add your students' KIPP Baltimore Google Account
4. Click on your students' class **for this year**
5. On the Stream Tab → Select the Google Meets link from the post from your teacher

Attendance, Grades, and Support

- **Attendance will be taken** on Virtual Learning Days
- Virtual learning **will not negatively impact student grades**
- Students will always have **opportunities to make up work** if they experience challenges accessing learning
- School staff will be available to help families with:
  - Accessing Google Classroom and Google Meets links
  - Technology questions

Technology & access: School-issued Chromebooks or i-Pads were distributed on Friday, 1/23. Students can access their KIPP Google Calendar on a personal device by logging into Google Chrome using their KIPP Baltimore Google Account.

Staying informed: On any Virtual Learning Day, families will receive communication through:

- Email
- Text messages
- School apps (such as ClassDojo)
- School social media

We appreciate your partnership and flexibility as we work together to keep students learning while prioritizing safety.

Contact for Support: If you have questions or need assistance accessing virtual learning, please send a text to the below individual based upon your child's grade level *with the following information*:

- Your Student's Full Name
- Grade Level
- Homeroom Teacher (For Harmony Students Only)

Grade Level	Contact Person	Contact Number (Text Only)
PK/K	Ms. R. Wells	410-449-0252
1st	Ms. Stroh	443-515-1479
2nd	Mrs. Davenport	240-527-4684
3rd	Ms. Atkins	667-379-3080
4th	Ms. Anderson	518-796-6178
5th	Ms. Burris	410-409-5772
6th	AP Green-Ellis	443-985 -6875
7th	AP Johnson	203-572-9230
8th	Principal Cuningham	443-413-0717

Accessing the Internet on School-Issued Devices:

Ensuring your child can smoothly access the internet from home is vital for their learning experience. To facilitate this, here are straightforward steps to connect to your home Wi-Fi:

- ☐ **Locate the Wi-Fi Network:** Find the name of your home Wi-Fi network (SSID). It's usually listed on the back of your router or provided by your internet service provider.
- ☐ **Access Device Settings:** On your child's device, navigate to the Settings or Network Settings section.
- ☐ **Choose Wi-Fi Networks:** Look for the list of available Wi-Fi networks. Select your home network from the list.
- ☐ **Enter Password:** If prompted, enter the Wi-Fi password. It's often a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols. (This password is usually found on the same label as the network name.)
- ☐ **Connect:** Once the password is entered correctly, tap or click "Connect" or "Join." Confirm Connection: A Wi-Fi symbol or indicator should appear on the device, confirming a successful connection.

Remember, it might take a few moments for the device to establish the connection. If you encounter any issues, don't hesitate to reach out to your internet service provider's customer support.