



## Principal Weekly Message –August 11th, 2017

Hello Otter families, this is Tina Zarzecki – principal at Lake Myra Elementary School. Please see below for important information.

1. Please be patient during both morning and afternoon carpool as the traffic volume is extremely high. Safety is our number one priority. Please remain in line rather than pass cars. Also, please follow staff requests to move forward in the carpool line. This ensures the line continues to move forward. Carpool will improve, I promise.
2. As many of you know, the 2017 Eclipse across America will occur on Monday, August 21, 2017. In North Carolina, the partial eclipse will begin around 2:33pm and peak at approximately 2:44pm when the moon obscures 92.7% of the sun. Wake County residents will experience a partial view of the Total Eclipse. Skies will gradually begin to darken as the moon moves into the path of the Sun. Over time, the sky will become increasingly dark and then will gradually become filled with more light as the moon moves out of the path of the sun. This is a unique educational experience that some of our teachers will engage our students in. However, please know that student safety is paramount during an event such as this. Any students engaged in activities will be provided with certified eclipse glasses that meet ISO 1231-2 international standards. A permission slip must be signed for your child to participate. This will be in your child's Monday Folder.
3. LATE BUSES—Information regarding late buses will be tweeted out and posted in Twitter. Our Twitter feed can also be viewed on our website if you are not linked to our Twitter @lakemyra.
4. Any transportation change requires a parent note or parent phone call to the front office prior to 3:30pm. Please do not email this to a teacher. They may not see your email until after dismissal. Also, the end of the day is a busy time at the front desk staff member may not be able to get to your request in time.
5. Beginning Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> we ask that all parents sign in at the front office and get a visitor badge before walking their students to class. We also ask that you begin allowing your child to walk themselves to class to build independence.
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will participate in BOG Testing next week.
7. PTA Meeting, Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
8. Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> is an early release day, dismiss at 1:15pm.
9. Please look for a list of important dates coming home in your child's Monday Folder. These dates will also be posted to our calendar on our website.

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki