



Principal Weekly Message –July 28th, 2017

Hello Otter families, this is Tina Zarzecki – principal at Lake Myra Elementary School. I have several announcements to bring to your attention. As usual this message is also posted on our website – just follow the principal’s message link on the front page under PARENTS.

1. **Welcome back! It was great seeing everyone last week at the picnic. We are excited about our theme this year, “Get Engaged at the Lake.” We will be sharing many opportunities for you to get engaged in your school community. Lake Myra is “our” school. Let’s work together to make it even better.**
2. **Please be patient during both morning and afternoon carpool as the traffic volume is extremely high. Safety is our number one priority. Students are not allowed to walk across the parking lot to enter cars. Wendell Falls will be working on water lines in the intersection as you enter the carpool loop. They are working hard to minimize any disruption to our traffic flow. During the first two weeks of school we ask that you not enter the carpool loop before 3:00pm in the afternoon. They will be working until this time.**
3. **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.**
4. **Parents should send in a note explaining why students were absent within 2 school days of returning from the absence. After 2 school days all absences will be marked unexcused per WCPSS policy.**
5. **Our PTA is hard at work for us. Please consider joining to support continuing learning for all. An application was placed in your child’s Monday Folder. You can also join online. Please check out our website.**
6. **Bus transportation information can now be found in one single location, Home Base, also known as Powerschool. In order to provide the highest level of customer service to our families the WCPSS Transportation Department is asking those of you who do not yet have a Powerschool account to stop by the school office to complete the necessary form. You can find more information at www.wcpss.net/student-information. Once you have a Powerschool account, look for the transportation tab to see your student’s transportation status and type. If your student is a bus rider, stop and route information is also provided. Please be patient with us over the first 2-3 weeks of the school year as bus drivers get oriented to new routes.**
7. **Medication--Parents must bring any medications to school. No medication should be sent to school with a child. Prescription medications will not be administered to students without having the proper form on file (Parent Request and Physician's Order Form – Form 1702) signed by the parent and physician, as required by Wake County school policy. This form must be submitted each school year. Over-the-Counter medications must also be accompanied by a Parent Request and Physician’s Order Form, signed by a parent and physician. Elementary students may not self-medicate. This includes over-the-counter drugs.**

- 8. You may put money on your child's lunch account by setting up an account through myschoolbucks.com. You will need your child's student identification number. Breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.35. If you would like a form to request financial assistance for breakfast and lunch please let your child's teacher know and we will send home a form in the Monday Folder. They should be returned to the cafeteria manager.**
- 9. It is going to be a great year!**

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki